

Ford unions set strike deadline

Unless there is an improvement in the 4.5 per cent pay offer to Ford's 54,000 manual workers by next Friday, union negotiators are to recommend an all-out strike from November 24.

Mr Ronald Todd, leader of the union's negotiating team, said: "We will recommend that we go into a major dispute. We are not looking for a confrontation but we want a right hander from the company."

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Thatcher rejects new spy inquiry

The Prime Minister refused to order a new inquiry into Soviet penetration of the security service. In a Commons written reply she urged MPs to concern themselves with the future rather than the past, but she faces anger today over the member of imputed spies who were offered immunity from prosecution.

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Gilmour calls for change of course

Sir Ian Gilmour, former Lord Privy Seal, who was dismissed from the Government in the recent reshuffle after disagreements with his Cabinet colleagues over monetary policy, intensified the campaign to force the Government to alter its economic strategy. He said in the Commons that a change of course was urgently needed.

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Postal charges rise delayed

The Post Office announced that it will delay until February 1 next year the increases in postal charges planned for January 4. The decision, it said, was a positive response to objections raised by the Post Office Users' National Council.

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Helicopter fleet withdrawn

Bristol Helicopters has decided never to use its 10 Wessex helicopters again commercially after the crash on August 2 of a Wessex in the North Sea in which 13 people died. The Royal Air Force's 25 Wessex, including those of the Queen's Flight, are still operating.

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Quality year for French wines

This year's French wine is generally good quality, but volume has dropped throughout the country since the Bordeaux growers said 1981 would go down as a great year. Red wines will match the best years of the 1970s.

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Staff cuts sought at 'The Times'

Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman of Times Newspapers, asked union leaders to begin immediate negotiations on manning reductions and economies aimed at stemming estimated losses of £12m a year at Times Newspapers. The proposals are likely to involve cuts in several departments.

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There will be Sunday play in a Test match at Lord's next summer for the first time, after a hiatus among MCC members. The third day of the second Test against Pakistan will be the occasion.

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Shop stewards overrule 'no strike' vote by oil men

By David Felton, Labour Reporter

The threat of a damaging tanker drivers' strike, which is due to start next Monday, was thrown into confusion last night when senior transport union shop stewards declared invalid votes of 2,000 workers at BP oil terminals.

About 100 BP senior stewards from the Transport and General Workers' Union took the highly unusual decision against a background of speculation that the workers had rejected the strike call.

At a new set of meetings, shop stewards will explain the union's position on the offer and give a strong recommendation for strike action.

Union officials said the stewards had decided the votes were invalid because the workers had not received all the facts on the dispute. Mr Jack Ashwell, the union's national secretary for commercial vehicles, said: "I defend the right of the stewards to proceed with a matter in any shape or form that they do, and there is nothing wrong with the decision our people have taken today."

"In all sincerity," he was unable to say how the men had voted in the terminals on the company's 8 per cent pay offer because the stewards had taken the decision during the meeting that the votes should not be aggregated.

It appeared in some terminals, he said, that BP workers had voted for rejection without being aware that they were voting for a strike. They thought that rejection would involve further negotiations.

Further meetings will be held in the terminals tomorrow and Thursday and the stewards will report back with the voting figures to another meeting in London on Friday.

At the terminal meetings, it will be made clear to the workers that a vote for rejection will be taken as a vote in favour of a strike.

Stewards from Shell, Esso and Texaco are also due to meet this week to report on the results of their consultations, and Mr Ashwell, hoped the same problem would not arise at those meetings.

The company's 8 per cent pay offer would increase basic weekly pay from £105 to £113. Average earnings would rise to about £170.

The tanker drivers' strike was recommended by a special union delegate meeting last month and has since been held in the terminals and depots on the strike call over the last few weeks. Last night neither the union or company management were able to give any indication of how voting had gone in Shell, Esso or Texaco.

Mr Ashwell said that it was not the first time that a vote had been declared invalid. He had declared a vote null and void some years ago when drivers had voted for immediate strike action after receiving a first offer.

Unofficial reports from shop stewards had earlier indicated that voting at BP depots had been 18-6 in favour of accepting the offer. Mr Ashwell pointed out that there were 63 depots and terminals in BP and one shop steward said "the 18-6 figure was wrong anyway".

He and other stewards refused to be drawn on what the voting figures had actually been and maintained that the stewards were not aware of the total vote.

Asked whether the union was trying to change the rules because it had not liked the original results Mr Ashwell said: "We don't change the rules. We always insist that the members make the decision but we like the members to have all the facts not just some of them. There has been a lot of pressure recently from the media and the management on the members."

The only comment from BP last night was: "We note what has taken place."

The confusion over the voting came only 24 hours after an interview was published in the Sunday Times with Mr Alex Kitson, acting general secretary of the TGWU, in which he said that he wanted the tanker drivers to strike.

He was reported as saying that there was no running away from the fact that a tanker drivers' strike would be extremely political. "If it goes on long enough," he said, "there will be either forced economic change or a return to the country. And I can bring her down if she wants to do what Heath did in 1974."

The tanker drivers have considerable industrial muscle and power in the north-western regions of the country, and a strike starting on Friday would also be seriously affected.

The union's delegate meeting originally called for a strike because the four main companies were not prepared to match an 11 per cent deal agreed for Mobil drivers last May.

Shell senior shop stewards are the next to meet tomorrow and will be followed by Esso stewards on Thursday. The rejected BP stewards meeting will be held on Friday afternoon after the Texaco stewards have met in the morning.

Concessions to Arabs are over, Israel says

From Christopher Walker in Tel Aviv and Nicholas Ashford in Washington, Nov 9

During the past 24 hours, three more senior ministers in the Israeli Cabinet have each given a warning that Israel has no intention of making the concessions that it can make to the Arabs. Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Foreign Minister, also claimed that any effort by the Western nations to extract more concessions from the Camp David peace process.

The coordinated series of warnings is seen in diplomatic circles as part of a deliberate Government strategy to counter what Israel regards as a dangerous swing of international opinion in support of the eight-point peace plan put forward by Crown Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

Implicit in the Israeli stand is the threat that further pressure from the West could lead to a withdrawal from the remainder of occupied Sinai and encourage a hardening of the Israeli stand at the crucial round of Palestinian autonomy negotiations due to reopen in Cairo on Wednesday.

In Washington, the State Department said the United States has decided for the time being not to raise the level of its representation to the autonomy talks, despite a request by Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, for it to do so as a demonstration of support for Camp David.

The Egyptian and Israeli delegations to the talks, which are aimed at granting a degree of self-rule to the Palestinian inhabitants of the "Israeli-occupied" West Bank area and the Gaza Strip, will be led respectively by General Kamal Hassan Ali, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, and Mr Joseph Borg, the Israeli Interior Minister. The American delegation will be headed by the United States ambassador to the two countries, Mr Alfred Achertson and Mr Sam Lewis.

A State Department official explained today that Mr Alexander Haig, the Secretary of State, was prepared to raise the level of American representation at the appropriate time—either if the talks were nearing agreement or if they

Saudis claim airspace violated by Israel

Riyadh, Nov 9.—Israeli jets today invaded Saudi airspace, Saudi officials said.

For the time being, however, the American view is that the ambassadors to Egypt and Israel are the people best qualified to see the talks through their current stages.

In Tel Aviv, the latest Israeli pronouncement came this afternoon at the first press conference called by Mr Ariel Sharon since he took up his post as Defence Minister. Referring to recent indications expressed by a leading Arabist yesterday after a trial was ordered in a tax fraud trial at Crofton, south London.

Judge Jean Graham Hall discharged the jury in the fifth week of a three-day trial of a number of well-known scholars. The other defendants until last year to Mlle Therese Bernier-Mouton in France.

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First Lady welcomes her hero

"You are my Y and H". America's First Lady told her husband, Mr Jimmy Carter, as she welcomed him back to the White House for the first time since the assassination attempt on her husband, President Reagan, watching his wife, Nancy, hugging his press secretary, remarked: "The husband is always the last to know."

It was an emotional but light-hearted reunion for Mr Brady on the opening of the refurbished press room (Nicholas Hirst writes from Washington). The packed room, jammed with White House press staff and reporters, broke into applause as he entered the room in his wheelchair. Never lost for a joke and reflecting the ambivalent relationship between spokesman and reporter, he set just the right tone with his quip: "I miss most of you."

The evening laughter gave President Reagan his cue for a moment of seriousness: "Jim, we are all waiting for the day when you are back for good" then it was into the business of such occasions. "You know, as he entered the room in his wheelchair, never lost for a joke and reflecting the ambivalent relationship between spokesman and reporter, he set just the right tone with his quip: "I miss most of you."

Banks trim cost of loans, overdrafts

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

High street banks cut the cost of overdrafts and loans yesterday with the second reduction in interest rates in a month.

National Westminster led the way with a 1 point cut in its base lending rate to 15 per cent, to take effect immediately, and the three other big clearing banks, Barclays, Lloyds and Midland followed suit.

The latest cut means that personal borrowers will be paying between 18 to 20 per cent on their overdrafts while the cost for top-quality industrial customers will be 16 per cent.

However, the cut is unlikely to affect home loans from build-lenders which have left their mortgage rates unchanged.

Yesterday's move was a response to recent falls in money market rates and the trend in the United States. Mr Jeffrey Benson, group chief executive of National Westminster, said: "Following the slight easing of interest rates here and abroad and the strengthening of the exchange rate, we have acted as early as

Defects may doom 1,000 council flats

From Our Correspondent Manchester

A Manchester housing estate built in the late 1960s at a cost of £5m is facing demolition. A report by the Manchester City Council housing committee outlined basic design faults in the 12 per cent ruling in the middle of September before the Bank of England intervened to protect the pound and base rates rose 4 per cent in a matter of weeks.

The Building Societies Association yesterday welcomed the cut and said it would be watching the position carefully.

On the foreign exchange markets yesterday the cut and rather disappointing wholesale price figures took the edge off a rally in the pound. The pound fell 2 cents up to 1.50 in London 1½ cents higher at \$1.825. The dollar was generally weak after easier short-term interest rates. Leading American banks, including Chase Manhattan and Citibank, cut their prime rates by 1 per cent to 17 per cent.

After a meeting of the housing committee yesterday, the chairman, Mr John Smith, said: "There is the appalling situation to be considered. We decide to demolish and I don't know if we have available property to put up the families. It would cost £100 to get the property into some kind of reasonable condition, but we guarantee we will be successful."

He said it would cost the council £5m to demolish the flats, but at the moment people were refusing to move into them because of their condition, and so they were lying empty.

Louvre says US museum smuggled Poussin

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The Musée du Louvre in Paris has claimed that a Poussin recently purchased by the Cleveland Museum of Art in America was smuggled out of France. The painting, *Madame de Pompadour*, was painted in 1764 and two versions are known.

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Victory for Benn and Heffer

By Julian Hayward and George Clark

The workings of the Labour Party's internal democracy brought handsome double victories yesterday. Mr William G. Heffer and Mr Eric Heffer, the party leader, were elected to the party's executive committee.

The two left-wingers were easily selected to the chairs of the executive committee of the Labour Party, the primary election, organised by the Fabian Group of Labour MPs, to choose candidates for the Shadow Cabinet.

But in the left's internal struggle, within the Fabian Group, the Benn and Heffer forces held their own by their reckoning, they filled 11 of the 15 places with their own people, members of the so-called soft left, a threatened challenge to Mr Norman Buchanan, MP for Brentford, West, for the group's chairman, collapsed. Mr Buchanan is opposed to Mr Benn. Mr Norman Buchanan, MP for Brentford, West, for the group's chairman, collapsed. Mr Buchanan is opposed to Mr Benn. Mr Norman Buchanan, MP for Brentford, West, for the group's chairman, collapsed. Mr Buchanan is opposed to Mr Benn.

Statist: Gilmour on Mrs Thatcher's defence

In spite of the failure of present policies, proposals for refutation were met with the usual, but not all, been tried unsuccessfully beforehand, an argument involving the rewriting of history on a positively Statist scale.

'Ridiculous': Grant on Michael Foot

It is time to say that Mr Foot's continued attempts to appease the unappeasable and to placate and accommodate Mr Benn have brought him and the party into public ridicule, scorn, and disrepute.

has always opposed any action against Militant while strongly criticising the group. The three were Mr Douglas Hoyle, Miss Joan Lester and Mr Neil Kinloch.

Mr Golding said afterwards: "It is obvious that the soft left is determined to act against Militant."

The Committee refused to endorse the selection of a prominent member of Militant, Mr Pat Wall, as the prospective parliamentary candidate for Bradford North. But that was not because of his politics. The sitting member, Mr Benjamin Ford, whom Mr Wall defeated at a re-election conference last month, has complained to the NEC and an inquiry must automatically be held.

The selection of Mr David Neilson, another Militant supporter, as prospective candidate for Coventry, South-East, was endorsed without dissent.

Yesterday, another Labour MP, Mr Eddyed Hudson Davies, who represents Croydon, said he would not seek re-election by his local party.

Mr Davies, who is regarded as the most likely to give his reasons later, this week to his management committee.

Proposals to abolish A-levels approved

Radical proposals, involving the abolition of A-levels and the creation of an entirely new, integrated system of education, were approved by 16 and 17-year-olds were approved last night by the home policy committee of Labour's National Executive Committee (Diana Geddes writes).

Under the proposals, all young people aged between 16 and 18, regardless of their previous academic record, would be provided with a broad general education which would include literacy and numeracy, broad vocational preparation, political and economic literacy, and an appreciation of an involvement in the cultural, social and recreational aspects of life.

A-levels would be abolished and replaced in the short term by examinations based on a much broader academic curriculum. Labour's objective in the long term, however, would be to replace all examinations by a modern system of assessment, with national standards.

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Unions threaten Ford strike on November 24

By David Felton, Labour Reporter

Union negotiators at Ford warned the management last night that unless the 4.5 per cent pay offer is improved by Friday they will recommend that the company's 54,000 manual workers should strike from next Tuesday week, November 24.

Negotiations between management and the unions in London broke up after four hours with the company insisting that in return for the 4.5 per cent increase the unions should agree to wide-ranging efficiency proposals. The unions rejected the company position, saying that productivity improvements should be negotiated separately from the annual wage talks.

Mr Ronald Todd, national officer of the Transport and General Workers' Union and leader of the union's negotiating team, said the trade union side would be meeting on Friday and, unless the company was prepared to come up with "meaningful negotiations", the negotiators would be recommending a strike from November 24, the day after the present pay agreement expires.

During the negotiations, yesterday, Mr Paul Roots, Ford's

'Times' staff cuts are sought by Murdoch

By Our Labour Staff

Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman of Times Newspapers Ltd, last night asked union leaders to begin immediate negotiations on manning reductions, and other economies aimed at stemming estimated annual losses of £13m at Times Newspapers.

Contract will be made with local union officials today and talks are expected to begin almost immediately.

Mr Murdoch gave no staff reduction figures last night but the proposals are thought likely to involve cuts in a number of key departments, including press, publishing, clerical and editorial areas.

Mr Murdoch told the union leaders that Times Newspapers Ltd had lost close to £8m over the past four months and warned that urgent steps were needed to avert disaster.

At a relatively low key meeting Mr Murdoch said that *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, and the supplements, had to reduce manning from current levels of close to 4,000. They were not looking for economies just because of the current trading position but because the company wanted "efficiency and fair dealing, and fair pay for the work of a fair day's pay".

He was not seeking confrontation and was anxious to achieve changes through negotiation. But he gave a warning that there was no fairy godmother and "no queue of millionaires" waiting to buy every title in Fleet Street.

Specific issues which were raised by Mr Murdoch and by senior management included:

- A joint press room agreement between the National Graphical Association (NGA) and the National Society of Operative Printers Graphical and Media Personnel (Natopso).
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Steel warns SDP not to squabble over seats

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, issued a warning last night to members of both the Liberal and Social Democratic parties not to rock the boat and upset the alliance's electoral chances. "If there is too much sharp-elbowing between us we could damage the success of our alliance", he said.

As talks begin on the allocation of local and parliamentary seats between the two parties, he gave a clear indication to the SDP that they cannot expect Liberals to give up seats to them on any great scale.

Speaking in Brussels at a joint meeting of Liberal and SDP supporters, Mr Steel said that in both their ranks there were people whose dedication to the alliance was lukewarm and who saw it as no more than a useful convenience to promote their own party. Such people were unrepresentative of the great majority in each.

Mr Steel attacked the "excessive niggling debate" over the parties' relative strengths in opinion polls and elections. Without naming him, he criticized Mr Ian Wigglesworth, Social Democrat MP for Tees-side, Thornaby, who last week made a speech implying that the SDP was contributing more to the joint poll ratings than the Liberals. "I thought it said that such a futile exercise was even considered worthwhile when in fact it is quite valueless", Mr Steel said.

Mr Steel obviously rehearsing some of the arguments that will dominate the forthcoming negotiations, said that pushing a good Liberal candidate, or constituency aside and substituting a weak SDP one would provide no net gain for the alliance.

The great opportunity for the SDP was to tackle those seats where Liberal support they could pull off victory in a hitherto unpromising Liberal territory.

□ The Social Democratic/ Liberal Alliance is virtually sweeping all before it in local council elections, having won 19 of the 26 seats it has contested in the fortnight up to the end of October, according to an analysis in the latest *New Statesman* (Ian Bradley writes).

The survey, compiled with the help of the Association of Liberal Councilors, shows that the Liberals have won 41 victories in local government by-elections since the beginning of June, the Social Democrats 16, Labour seven and the Conservatives five. In that period the Conservatives have lost 30 seats and Labour 20.

The survey covers 136 by-elections held for district, borough or county councils between July 1 and the end of October. In the 94 seats where there has been a three-party contest, involving nearly 200,000 votes cast, the alliance has won 41.4 per cent of the poll, Labour 30.7 per cent and Conservatives 26.1 per cent.



MP to quit

Mr Ednyfed Hudson, Labour MP for Caerphilly, who surprised his supporters yesterday by announcing that he will not be seeking re-election by his constituency party. He is the third MP to do so in a week.

Mr Hudson, who has been a Labour MP since 1974, said he was resigning because he was "not in good health" and "not in a position to do the job properly".

He said he was "very grateful" to his constituents for their support and would be leaving the House of Commons at the end of the year.

Science report Cabbage as focus of research into cancer

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

An unusual and naturally occurring chemical substance, identified recently as a cancer-causing agent, has become a focus of collaborative research between scientists in Britain and China. They hope to shed light on the mechanism whereby agents arising as by-products of metabolism from our food, or from the environment, invade cells and cause them to become malignant.

The compound in question, until recently regarded as a rare and a textbook oddity, is called a Rousin's red ester. It is a chemical compound which was first synthesized more than a hundred years ago. He got the formula wrong, but even so it remained a chemical curiosity until 1955, when the structure of the material was properly worked out.

Rousin's red ester has been isolated from Chinese cabbage and indicated as the cause of one person out of four in a remote community suffering from cancer of the oesophagus—the highest incidence of this form of the disease anywhere in the world. The unique circumstances have led to an intensive research project backed by the Cancer Research Campaign, involving a team at St Andrews' University, in Scotland, and cooperating with a group in Peking.

Dr Anthony Butler, of the chemistry department at St Andrews, said yesterday that so little was known about the action of carcinogens that when a new and clearly identifiable cancer-causing agent emerges in this way it becomes an important target for investigation.

Yet the events that brought Rousin's red ester to the attention of the research group are singular. The fact that the cancer of the oesophagus was so high in the region of a remote valley in the north of China was first reported last year in a documentary television programme. Dr Butler read later in the chemistry of the isolation of crystals of Rousin's red ester from cabbage specially treated to last through the long winter.

The St Andrews team includes a group of biochemists who have been examining the effects of other agents similar to Rousin's red ester on cells. These are molecules which belong to the family of nitrosyl compounds.

BP puts up petrol prices by 4p

By Edward Townsend

BP, joining Texaco and Mobil, put up its petrol prices from midnight, now running at 41.5p a gallon, effectively by about 4p a gallon. The pump price of a gallon of four-star will rise to between £1.72 and £1.75.

BP is the first of the three main petrol suppliers to the British market to raise prices as a result of recent increases in the price of Opec and North Sea crude oil. Shell and Esso still have to announce their decisions.

The BP rise comes after the company's decision to remove subsidies to retailers, now running at £1.5m a week and to impose a rise in the scheduled petrol price of 2p a gallon on four-star and 2.5p on two-star. The company is also increasing the price of diesel by 2.5p a gallon, gas oil by 1p, and fuel oil by 1p.

A company official said the industrial increases reflected BP's policy of ensuring that industry did not carry a disproportionate burden of petrol and oil price rises.

By cutting support to retailers and imposing a limited price increase BP is hoping that the total impact will not cause another round of price cutting and will not lead to excessive differentials between town and country prices.

The new increase, the seventh this year, means that the price of a gallon has risen by about 40p since January. The petrol companies argue, however, that British prices, excluding tax, are still among the lowest in Europe.

The Motor Agents' Association said BP's rises could mean ruin for some BP retailers unless other oil companies also stopped paying subsidies.

BP replied that withdrawing price support was now the only realistic approach after a drop in the company's January to June net profits from £376m to £396m. The company hoped other big oil groups would also withdraw their subsidies.

Foot's style at Cenotaph defended

By Our Labour Staff

Attacks on Mr Michael Foot's dress at the Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph in London were described yesterday by a former Labour minister as "misguided, mean-minded and publicity-seeking".

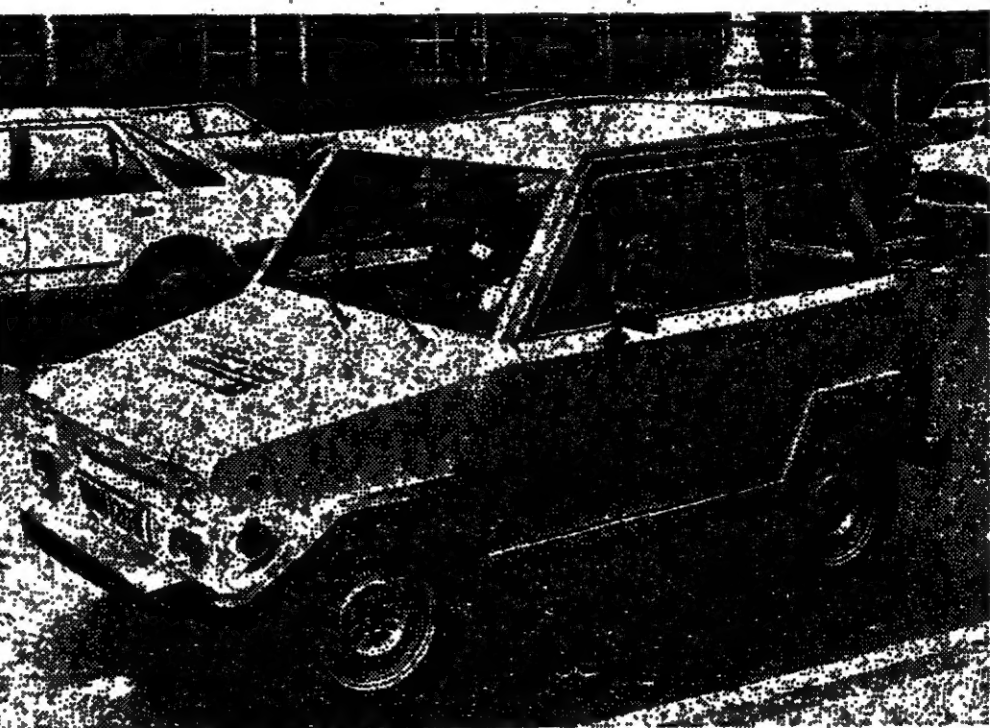
Mr David Bann, MP for Norwich, Norfolk, said: "What matters is your mood, not your sartorial style. Few have done more for peace than Michael."

Another Labour MP, Mr Walker Johnson (Derby, South), who suggested that the Leader of the Opposition looked like "an out-of-work navvy", has called on the Parliamentary Labour Party to reprimand him.

Mr John Carlisle, Conservative MP for Luton, West, has tabled a Commons motion expressing "deep shame and resentment" at Mr Foot's dress and demeanour.

A spokesman for Mr Foot said: "He was perfectly properly dressed. He wore a black suit as befits the occasion."

Mr Aiden Fleming, a Preston trade unionist angered by Mr Johnson's attack, said he would fight Derby South, as an independent Labour candidate.



Electricity takes the strain

A leading car hire company may be introducing electric cars to its fleet next year, giving businessmen a pollution-free and almost noiseless alternative to the petrol engine for short city journeys (Our Motoring Correspondent writes).

Godfrey Davis Europcar is planning to offer battery-powered cars as part of the Rail Drive car rental scheme which it runs in association with British Rail from 73 main line stations. Two Italian-built electric cars have been on test at the Railway Technical Centre, Derby.

British Rail staff are to drive them for an experimental three-month period between headquarters buildings at Marylebone and Euston and if the trials are successful, the cars will be offered to Rail Drive customers.

The car, called the PGP3P, is 8 feet 10 inches long but is wide enough to take the driver and two passengers on its only seat. It is powered by 12 72-volt lead acid batteries carried in a removable tray under the seat. They have to be recharged every 30 miles or so. Tests suggest that the direct fuel cost is about 21p a mile, or half that of a small petrol car.

IRA admits error in killing youth

From Christopher Thomas, Belfast

The Provisional IRA, without offering any expression of regret, admitted in a terse statement yesterday that it made a mistake in killing a youth of 17.

Trevor Foster died in a booby-trap explosion as he went to his father's Ford Escort car in the early hours of Sunday. His father was in the house and ran out to see his son lying in the drive with both legs missing.

Mr Lawrence Foster, a part-time corporal in the Ulster Defence Regiment, was the intended victim. Like many other policemen and UDR officers, Mr Foster lives in the border area, where adequate protection from murder is impossible.

The windows of the family home at Lisnaddill, about three miles from the city of Armagh, were shattered by the blast and a hole was blown in the drive.

Earlier in the day, Mr Foster had taken his son out for a driving lesson. "Trevor said he would garage the car, I heard a huge bang and dashed out and found him lying close to the car," he added. "When you are in the security forces there is always a risk."

Mr Foster's mother, Mrs Foster, the boy's mother, was on visiting relatives. Two hours after the blast she was intercepted by the police as she was driving home and was given the news.

There was strong condemnation from Roman Catholic and Protestant churches and politicians yesterday. Cardinal Thomas O'Fiala, Primate of All Ireland, said the brutal murder of a youth on the threshold of life had a special dimension of horror. In the name of the whole Roman Catholic community, he condemned it as an evil crime against God and humanity.

"The Loyalist" politicians in Northern Ireland are engaged in intense contest to draw the greatest political advantage from last Friday's Anglo-Irish summit at Downing Street.

The Rev. Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, took the initiative at the weekend with dire warnings of betrayal by Britain and heavy hints of armed resistance. The Ulster Defence Association also joined in with a call for Unionist unity.

Yesterday was the turn of Mr Paisley's bitter rivals, the Official Unionists. Mr James Moynihan, the party leader, launched the idea of a "council for the union".

He said: "It is with a deep sense of responsibility that I must state my belief that the union is endangered. To meet this danger, we are taking immediate steps to form this council."

It would transcend party political barriers and embrace what Mr Moynihan called "the widest possible spectrum of public opinion". That would include churches, institutions, trade unions, the professions and business people.

□ A man jailed for life for the murder in 1979 of Lord Mountbatten of Burma is appealing against conviction and sentence (the Press Association reports).

Thomas McMahon, aged 33, a former member of the Provisional IRA, was granted time by the Court of Criminal Appeal in Dublin to lodge his appeal. His petition was unopposed.

MOONIES IN COURT DEFEAT

The Unification Church, or "Moonies", suffered its second defeat yesterday in High Court libel proceedings when its action against Times Newspapers Limited, Sir William Rees-Mogg, the former editor of *The Times*, and Diana Pugh, a journalist, was struck out because the plaintiffs failed to comply with an order requiring them to pay money into court as security for defence costs.

Earlier this year the Unification Church lost the longest High Court libel action when the *Daily Mail* successfully defended the proceedings brought against it. The Court of Appeal has ordered the Unification Church to pay £100,000 into court as security for costs before allowing an appeal.

The action against *The Times* started in 1977 when Mr Dennis Orme, the former leader of the Moonies in Britain, tried to obtain an injunction to prevent publication of two of the articles in a three-part series written by Diana Pugh.

The application by *The Times* to strike out the church's claim for not paying £12,000 by way of security for costs was unopposed.

VISIT CANCELLED BY PRINCESS

By Our Labour Staff

The Princess of Wales cancelled a visit to Dartmouth last night because she was slightly indisposed, Buckingham Palace said. The indisposition, which was not serious, was probably morning sickness, and was unlikely to affect her next scheduled engagement on Thursday in York and Chesterfield.

When the Princess's pregnancy was announced, the palace gave a warning that it might be expected to interfere with her public engagements from time to time. "She is not feeling too good. It's nothing serious but she thinks it better to stay at home", the spokesman said.

FATHER TO BE EXTRADITED

By Our Labour Staff

A court in Dublin yesterday ordered the extradition to Britain of Ian Daily, whose daughter, Emeline, aged five, was taken from her home in Cambridgeshire last week.

Mr Daily, aged 41, and his daughter, Emeline, aged five, were discovered in a guesthouse at New Ross, Co Wexford, in the Irish Republic at the weekend. He is to be flown back to Britain today.

The order was granted in respect of a warrant which referred to a charge alleging that Mr Daily assaulted his wife in 1978.

BL UNION MEN OFF TO MOSCOW

By Our Labour Correspondent

An exchange visit by eight BL trade unionists to Moscow to go ahead after last week's pay settlement for the company's 58,000 car workers.

Mr Grenville Hawley, the Transport and General Workers' Union senior BL negotiator, is to lead the party on a six-day visit tomorrow, arranged by the Soviet Automobile Tractor and Farm Machine Workers' Union.

The delegation includes four senior lay TGWU representatives including two conveners from the company's biggest plants, Mr Jack Adams, from Longbridge and Mr Bill Roche, from Cowley.

Mr Hawley said last night that the visit came after a series of similar exchanges over the last three or four years. "It is perfectly normal. We have a number of similar exchanges for example with West Germany."

Strike holiday for 60,000 pupils

By Our Labour Correspondent

More than 60,000 Coventry school children began an unofficial holiday yesterday because of a strike by 4,000 council workers against a proposed 12.5 per cent pay cut.

The stoppage, by members of the National Union of Public Employees, is the first big confrontation since the referendum early this year, which forced the city council to cancel a planned rate rise.

More crews join P&O ferry strike

From Our Correspondent, Liverpool

Crews stringing in on board the two doomed P&O ferries to Belfast ferries, intended for their action yesterday when two other ships were occupied by their crews.

The *Bison*, a third P&O ship docked in Liverpool, was occupied at noon.

Officials of the National Union of Seamen had earlier tried to get on to the *Bison*, a freighter, but the captain refused them entry.

The crew of 13 walked off the ship and voted unanimously to support their colleagues occupying the *Ulster Queen* and the *Ulster Prince*.

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Vice-chancellors fail to move Joseph on cuts

By Diana Geddes, Education Correspondent

The Government could offer the universities no relief in relation to the timing or the scale of the financial cuts, Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, told vice-chancellors yesterday.

In a statement released after the meeting, the Secretary of State said that Sir Keith said it was inevitable that the opportunity for school leavers to enter universities would be reduced.

The committee estimate that some 10,000 places for new home students will be lost in each of the next two or three years, the very years in which the number of qualified school leavers reaches its peak.

Sir Keith recognized that substantial redundancies of university staff were unavoidable, the committee said, and promised to study urgently the committee's proposals for financial compensation.

The vice-chancellors warned him that the Government's policy would involve the extinction of a whole generation of opportunities to enter the profession of research.

The University Grants Committee (UGC) has reiterated its warning that universities which decide to admit more

Teachers' new chief

By Our Labour Correspondent

Mr Frederick Smithies, aged 52, has been appointed to succeed Mr Terence Casey as general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters' Union of Women Teachers. Mr Smithies, who is deputy general secretary, is due to take over in 1983.

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New gear for police

By Our Labour Correspondent

New protective equipment is to be brought for the police by the Merseyside police committee decided yesterday, after being shown uniforms and equipment damaged in the Toxteth riots in July.

Farm talks adjourned

By Our Labour Correspondent

Talks on a pay settlement for more than 20,000 agricultural workers, who are seeking a substantial increase from their present £96.09 a week, were adjourned last night until Thursday.

Police acquitted

By Our Labour Correspondent

Five motorway patrol policemen and four garage owners were acquitted yesterday at St Albans Crown Court after 53 allegations of corruption against them were dropped.

Calais invasion

By Our Labour Correspondent

More than 1,750 British day-trippers visited Calais this year, according to the Calais chamber of commerce.

Grandmother sets sail

By Our Labour Correspondent

Mrs Angela Herbert, aged 47, a grandmother, left Falmouth yesterday on a voyage around the world in the company of two Lancashire farmers.

Seal campaign ends

By Our Labour Correspondent

The conservation group, Sea Shepherd, has called off its campaign to disrupt a cull of 1,200 seal pups in Orkney.

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Post Office puts back increase in mail charges

By Robin Young, Consumer Affairs Correspondent

The Post Office announced yesterday that it would delay until February 1 next year increases in postal charges which it had proposed to introduce on January 4. The delay will save customers about £12m.

The Post Office described its decision as a positive response to objections to the proposed increases by the Post Office Users' National Council.

In a report to the Government and the Post Office published yesterday, POUNC argued that the increases should be postponed until April 1982, or that the cost of second class mail should be pegged, to save customers £30m.

This is the first time the council has won a deferment of proposed price increases. Its representatives were at this occasion based on an acknowledged improvement in the Post Office's trading results. Last year POUNC predicted that the Post Office might lose some £60m unless

it introduced further price increases in the course of the year. In fact the Post Office is finishing the year with a small profit without putting up the charges a second time.

POUNC's report said that improvements in the operations showed that further savings could be achieved. The Post Office expects to recover the £12m revenue it is foregoing by continuing the productivity agreements, economy measures and vigorous marketing which succeeded in improving this year's results.

A government statement last night welcomed the postponement of the increases as "a helpful contribution to the fight against inflation".

When postal charges do rise on February 1 the cost of a first-class letter will go up by 15p to 15½p and that of a second-class letter by 1p to 12½p. The additional revenue in the year is now expected to be £138m. The increases average 9½ per cent, which is below the rate of inflation.

Connery in action over film income

Sean Connery, the actor, went to the High Court in London yesterday to fight a legal battle over proceeds from some of the films which made him a screen star.

He is being sued by Kenneth Richards, his former film accountant, who claims that the former Bond star owes him percentages from profitable films including *Goldfinger*, *Thunderball*, *Diamonds are Forever* and *Murder on the Orient Express*.

Mr Connery, whose home is in Malaga, Spain, was in court to hear Mr Roger Buckley, QC, claim the court on behalf of the accountant and Films and Properties Establishment, his company based in Liechtenstein.

Mr Buckley said that in 1974 Mr Connery entered a verbal and later a written contract with Mr Richards and his company so that in effect they became his employers, hiring him out to film companies. They also looked after his business affairs. Mr Connery ended the contract in December, 1977.

Mr Richards, of Lansanne, Switzerland, and his company claimed that under the terms of the contract they were entitled to 2 per cent of any of the 13 films that Mr Connery, now aged 51, starred in.

The case was adjourned until today.

£500 fine on garage over servicing

Mr Kieron Durcan heard a loud bang as he drove away from a garage after paying £114.73 for a 10,000-mile service on his Volkswagen van.

He was suspicious about the work done and called a senior trading standards officer who discovered that there was no oil on the dipstick although Mr Durcan had paid for 11 litres; the new filter he bought had not been fitted; his brakes were worn out, although he had paid for new linings; the brake fluid chamber was empty despite a charge for fluid; and he had been charged for lubricating a sliding door hinge, but it still creaked.

Magistrates at Staines, Surrey fined Contin Motors (Heathrow) Ltd, of Shaftesbury Avenue, South Harrow, £500 with £124 costs for falsely claiming to have serviced the van at its branch in London Road, Ashford, Kent. The company admitted the five charges.

Contin's sales director told the magistrates: "It looks as if we are ripping off the public, but it is due to our mechanic who did the service. When I asked him if he had changed the oil and filter, he said 'yes'. He admitted, though, that he had not changed the wheel nut and therefore did not inspect the brake cylinders."

Mr Durcan was offered an unqualified apology.

Mother was happy, surgeon's son says

Mr John Vickers, aged 13, son of the Newcastle upon Tyne surgeon, accused of murdering his wife, told a court yesterday that he would have been very surprised if anyone had told him there had been a possibility of his parents being divorced during the past three or four years.

His mother came to London near Christmas, 1978, for his school carol service, and they travelled home by train together. "She seemed to be very happy," he said.

He said she also seemed very well when she visited an optician in January, 1979. The following month he telephoned home one Sunday night and his father told him that his mother was in hospital.

He said she would probably be in for four to eight weeks. I think he said something about it being a problem with the blood."

He said his father thought she might have been better looked after in the Westminster Hospital in London. After his mother was discharged he saw her during the Easter holidays and they visited Norwich. "I think she seemed very well."

In July, 1979, after his mother died, he was at home in Gosforth while his father was on holiday in Copenhagen. There were quite a lot of phone calls. Sometimes I just picked up the phone and there was nothing."

Paul Vickers, of Moor Crescent, Gosforth, Newcastle, and Pamela Collins, of Margaret Road, New Barnet, Hertfordshire, are accused of poisoning Mrs Margaret Vickers with an anti-cancer drug because she stood in the way of their ambitions. Both deny the murder charge.

The surgeon concluded his evidence and cross-examination yesterday, his sixth day in the witness box at Teesside Crown Court.

Mr Vickers was asked whether he had considered Miss Collins an adornment to his political or medical interests. He said: "I had got where I was with Margaret's assistance and by my own work. I am not sure an adornment is necessary any way to progress in medical politics. Mr Heath got far enough without a wife or support."

In November, 1977, he had discussed Miss Collins's health with her. "She told such an extraordinary story which seemed really at the very least to have been presenting a considerable risk to her health."

"She said she had been on the pill for 20 years and had had an enormous number of men 'friends'. The risk of venereal disease and problems such as cancer of the cervix multiplied with the number of sexual liaisons."

The hearing continues today.

TV set fire kills three widows

From Our Correspondent Manchester

Three elderly widows died in a fire at an old people's nursing home in Blackburn yesterday. Two other residents were injured, but 30 others were led to safety from the Northwood Nursing Home, suffering from the effects of smoke.

The fire started at about 5.30 am in a third floor room, where the three victims slept, and was caused by an electrical fault in a television set which had been left plugged in.

The emergency call to the fire brigade was delayed because the telephone in the home was out of order. Father Martin Peyton, a priest, drove the one and a quarter miles to the fire station after trying to rescue the trapped people.

Firemen recovered the bodies of Mrs Ada Barnes, aged 86, Mrs Margaret Foot, aged 93, and Mrs Charlotte Boerstal, aged 76.

The two injured women were rescued by firemen from the third floor. Mrs Abigail Brown, aged 80, was said to be in a serious condition, at Blackburn Royal Infirmary and Mrs May Jones, aged 83, was released after treatment.

Two nursing staff were on duty overnight at the terraced suburban house. When the fire broke out, they ordered the other residents to lie on their faces in the hallway so that they would breathe the clearer air near the floor.

Station officer Ernest Calvert, one of the first firemen on the scene, said: "Flames



The Northwood nursing home after the fire yesterday.

were already coming out of the top window when we got there. The night staff had tried to tackle the blaze with a fire extinguisher before the firemen arrived.

The nursing home is equipped with a fire alarm system and fire detectors, one of which gave the alert. Fire chiefs doubted that anything could have been done to help the three women if the telephone had been working and there had been no delay in calling the fire brigade.

A fire brigade spokesman said: "The flames would have had to burn through the bedroom door in order to trigger the alarm in the hall, by which time the occupants would have succumbed to the effects of smoke and heat. If a lesson is to be learnt from this tragic incident it is essential to ensure all electrical appliances are unplugged before retiring to bed."

Mrs. Ada Barnes: One of the three who died. Father Martin Peyton: Tried to save trapped people.

Poaching, part 2: Salmon Threat to stocks as big boys join amateurs

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

One evening this spring two poachers gaily paddled a rubber dinghy along the Wye near Monmouth. With a third man on the bank they strung out a fine net in the water. There was nothing to disturb them but the murmur of the river and the usual night sounds of the countryside.

But what could have been a profitable night's salmon poaching suddenly went wrong when figures began to clamber out of the water and two police frogmen made highly unusual arrests.

The frogmen were part of Operation Moonbeam, a 30-man police exercise against poachers. The nets had caught a mere three salmon but that cost the two men £300 in fines and the loss of all their equipment.

Yet for every such salmon poacher successfully prosecuted many others are continuing profitably. Dr Roger Merry, fishery officer for the South-West Water Authority, said: "Poachers are taking a substantial proportion of salmon and taking them on the way to spawning grounds, which is a threat to stocks. He and other fishery officers believe poaching may be threatening the species."

In the first place, stocks have to survive the catches of legitimate fishermen and anglers. Poaching cuts back what remains. I many parts of Britain poachers take as many fish as they can, not only salmon but sea trout as well. With prices at £2 a pound, salmon are a great temptation. Water authorities link the increase in poaching over the past few years to unemployment.

In some areas competition from opportunist amateurs has forced large-scale poachers to move North and South, taking fish from as far afield as Scotland and Devon.

More than a hundred sea trout have been found in nets on an estuary in the South-west, and 20 salmon, worth up to £400, in nets further

upstream. This August bailiffs discovered 26 salmon in the boot of a car near a Scottish river.

Poachers' methods make such catches possible. Close to shore or in river estuaries they use fine nets to trap and hold the fish by their gills. Farther upstream just about anything is used.

The traditional method is with a torch and a gaff at night. The fish are picked out by the light in pools or close to weirs and then hooked. A large treble hook may also be used, which is drawn through water, snagging the fish.

Crossbows and even rifles have been used. Equipped with a spear gun, poachers have also been discovered swimming through the pools after the shoals.

Home-made bombs have been exploded in the water to stun fish and then net them. A poison, based on the cyanide mixture used against rabbits, has been used on Scottish rivers with spectacular results. Mr Neil Graesser, chairman of the Association of Scottish District Salmon Fishery Boards, remembers when it was first used after the last war, poachers could get between eight hundred and a thousand fish.

In the fight to protect salmon, control is under the water authorities, who have introduced modern methods of crime prevention and detection.

Water bailiffs in the Southern Water Authority include night sights in their arsenal as well as two-way radios. Bailiffs have guard dogs and speedboats for ambushes. In the South-west, enforcement of fishing laws, in coordination with local police, is costing more than £200,000 a year.

The Welsh Water Authority has one of the largest problems, with 70 full-time bailiffs, to patrol 5,000 miles of river. Enforcement costs more than £450,000 a year.

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Wide support for Down's doctor

By Annabel Ferriman, Health Services Correspondent

Heavy public support for the stance of the jury in the case of Dr Leonard Arthur, the paediatrician who was cleared last week of attempting to murder a handicapped new born baby, was disclosed yesterday in a Mori poll of the public commissioned for BBC television's *Panorama* programme.

Eighty-six per cent of those polled said that if a doctor, with the parents' consent, saw to it that a severely handicapped new born baby died, he should not be found guilty of murder.

But a separate survey among consultant paediatricians indicated that only 10 per cent would take the course of action that Dr Arthur took, that is, to withhold normal medical treatment from a Down's syndrome baby, who was apparently healthy but who has been rejected by his parents.

In the Arthur case, evidence was heard that the baby was found in a post-mortem examination to have a damaged heart and lungs, but no evidence was given that those defects were apparent to medical staff when the child was alive.

Results of the poll were presented last night on the *Panorama* programme, the controversial nature of which caused some dispute at the BBC during the day. Full details of both polls were given exclusively to *The Times*.

In cases where the parents had rejected it, 90 per cent said they would give normal medical treatment to a healthy Down's baby, but only 29 per cent would give normal treatment to a spina bifida baby (not needing active medical treatment), and only 36 per cent said they would recommend surgery for a Down's baby needing an intestinal operation to live.

Half said they would feed and care for a spina bifida baby but not give it medical treatment if it contracted a possibly fatal illness and 17 per cent said they would give it appetite-suppressing drugs. Eight per cent said they would feed and care for a healthy Down's baby but not give medical treatment if it contracted an illness.

Fifty-six per cent of the doctors said they would not recommend surgery for a Down's baby with an intestinal obstruction. That sort of situation arose in August in the case of Alexandra, whose parents wanted her to be allowed to die, but whose life was saved when Hammer-smith Borough Council, London, took the matter to court.

In cases where the parents had accepted the baby, 96 per cent of doctors said they would give normal treatment to a healthy Down's baby, 52 per cent would give normal treatment to a spina bifida baby and 64 per cent said they would recommend an operation for a Down's baby with an intestinal obstruction. The doctors' poll did not receive the official approval of the British Paediatric Association, but the association did express interest in the results. The Mori poll of almost

2,000 adults carried out across Britain in mid-September showed that most would agree to a life-saving operation if they gave birth to a severely handicapped child who needed one (Table 1, above).

Nearly half of those polled (46 per cent) thought everything possible should be done to help the baby to live and most (60 per cent) thought that doctors and parents together should decide whether a severely handicapped baby should live or die.

Mr Robert Worcester, managing director of Mori, said: "There was little difference in the attitudes of men and women, of different ages, as to consent to an operation to save such a child's life, although Roman Catholics are more likely to agree (72 per cent) than are non-Roman Catholics (54 per cent) and working class respondents were more likely than the middle class."

He added: "There is little support among the respondents in the survey for either the doctors alone (4 per cent) or the law courts (2 per cent) to have the say in the decision of whether a severely handicapped baby lives or dies. By a margin of 12 to 1 the public believe that a doctor who sees to it that a severely handicapped baby dies, with the agreement of the parents, should not be found guilty of murder (Table 2 above)."

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Labour man nails left-wing policy to Crosby campaign

From Anthony Bevis, Political Correspondent, Liverpool

The Labour candidate for the Crosby by-election yesterday broke ranks with his own party leadership.

In a rare and blunt display of by-election independence, Mr John Backhouse declared his own manifesto commitment to a series of left-wing policies. He said that he was unequivocally in favour of a quick withdrawal from the EEC, complete unilateral disarmament, and renationalization with minimum compensation.

Mr Backhouse, a mathematics teacher of 28 at a local comprehensive, said of the EEC: "We want to withdraw from the Common Market as soon as possible, but we anticipate that we could not do it in less than 12 months."

Asked about disarmament, he said: "We want to get nuclear weapons off British soil."

On nationalization, he commented: "I am in favour of public ownership of all that needs to be done in order to gain control for the people of the economy: banks, various financial institutions, major manufacturing industry, anything which is essential to that programme."

He suggested that there was a difficulty in renationalizing assets hived off by the present government, without compensation, because some pension fund money was involved.

Mr Backhouse added: "My own view is that we should be committed to a policy of renationalization without compensation. If anybody suffers as a result of that, let them make their case, but their case will be on the basis of need." The Conservatives have already attempted to embarrass Mrs Shirley Williams, the Social Demo-

cratic-Liberal Alliance candidate, by pinpointing private education as a by-election issue in a constituency which contains a number of top-rate private schools.

But Mr Backhouse, again issued his own forthright view: that they should be forced out of existence. He said that he wanted all support withdrawn. "It is not the same as abolition, in the sense that there is no wish to make the sending of a child to a private school a criminal act."

The Labour Party, however, was proposing to make illegal for private schools to charge fees. "If you don't allow them to charge fees, it is not quite the same as saying it is illegal to send your child to such a school."

Mr Backhouse's statements highlights the undoubted difficulty that exists between the Crosby Labour Party and the Labour Party leadership in London.

It is most unlikely, for example, that either Mr Denis Healey or Mr Roy Hattersley could go to Crosby and campaign in support of their candidate's policies. Indeed, Mr Michael Foot himself has signally failed to come out with such unequivocal support for unilateral disarmament or wholesale nationalization.

Many Labour MPs, on both right and left, will look to the Crosby result on November 25 as a rare test of the public popularity of left-wing policies which have passed through party conference in recent years.

In the general election of February, 1974, the combined Liberal and Labour vote in Crosby amounted to 48.4 per cent of the votes cast, and if

Mr Backhouse did manage to frighten off the traditional Labour vote, then Mrs Williams could well be in with a chance of victory.

Meanwhile, Mr John Butcher, the Conservative candidate, continued in a low key at the start of his campaign yesterday. He said that during a quick taste of constituency opinion, law and order, the economy, and unemployment had emerged as the voters' main concerns.

Mr Butcher, an accountant, refused to allow himself to be labelled a monetarist, but he thought the Government had successfully balanced the need for a firm monetarist policy with the country's political needs.

He added that he was against any big programme of investment to boost the economy.

Later, Mrs Williams launched her daily press conference by pointing out that unemployment in Crosby had increased substantially since the Conservatives came to power.

Unemployment among 18 and 19-year-olds had increased by 70 per cent, from 247 to 421 between October, 1979, and last month, while over the same period adult unemployment had increased from 2,445 to 4,410.

In a statement issued yesterday afternoon, Mrs Williams declared her opposition to the present abortion law, saying that she supported the reduction in the period of pregnancy after which abortion would be restricted.

But the Conservatives, who see Mrs Williams as the main threat to their 19,272 majority, returned last night to private education as the campaign issue.



The united nations of York

Children from 15 different countries are learning to live in perfect harmony at a village primary school in North Yorkshire. The cosmopolitan community has been created by York University near by, many of whose staff and students send their children to Heslington primary school (Our York Correspondent writes). Mr Peter Kendall, the headmaster, has 30 children of 15 different nationalities working

alongside 200 local youngsters. He believes it offers the best kind of education there is.

"British children benefit from mixing with others of their age from all over the world," he says. "All their beliefs, customs and habits are brought out. Some of the children are away from school when their families have religious festivals, and they all learn about each other's way of life, and come to

terms very easily with their differences."

"The whole point is that we are big, happy family, and I stress this in our assemblies."

One of the parents, Mr Nizar Kissab, a Syrian, commented: "The way these children from all over the world cooperate proves that war and racism are not natural. If only, we could all respect each other like they do."

White-collar gas workers strike

By David Felton, Labour Reporter

More than 1,100 white collar staff in key control areas of British Gas went on strike yesterday for the first time in a dispute over allowances which their union claimed could affect gas supplies.

The National and Local Government Officers Association (NALGO) which represents the 1,500 shift workers who supervise the control and monitoring of gas flows, said that more than three quarters of the staff were on strike. The strike was not fully supported in the south-west and southern areas.

Mr David Strickland, NALGO's national gas officer, said last night: "The support has met all our anticipations. It will undoubtedly be causing problems for the British Gas Corporation in terms of maintenance of supplies."

"We understand that there is a large number of industrial users who have been put on stand-by prior to disconnection and we expect to see the problems of the corporation worsening during the next few days."

British Gas said that there had not been any effect on supplies because management were manning computer and control centres, although the situation could change from day to day.

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Mr David Eady, representing Mr Coulter, told Mr Justice Balcanquhall that Richard Ingram and Frederick Lee, the editor and publisher of *Private Eye*, had also agreed to pay Mr Coulter's costs of bringing a libel action against them.

Mr Eady said that Mr Coulter, formerly assistant editor of *The Economist*, industrial editor of *The Sunday Times* and an industrial reporter on the *Daily Express*, had been pilloried in *Private Eye* between 1978 and 1980.

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The meal that killed a model

From Our Correspondent

Liverpool A young fashion model who suffered from a chronic slimming disease died after a massive late-night meal after a three-day fast, an inquest was told yesterday.

Surgeons carrying out an emergency operation on Pauline Seaward, aged 24, removed three litres of partially digested food from her stomach.

An inquest in Liverpool was told that Miss Seaward, of Rutland House, Sefton Park, had a history of being underweight. When aged 17 she weighed 4 stone.

Mrs Maureen Seaward said her daughter had been advised to gain weight for her job. However, if she was to be photographed, she would fast "to keep her tummy flat": she ate two big meals a week and drank only coffee in between.

Her last meal, eaten before she went to bed on August 22, was "the one to beat them all".

It included two raw cauliflowers, two blubberries, one and a half pounds of raw liver, two pounds of kidneys, a piece of cheese, three pounds of raw carrots, two pounds of peas, a pound of mushrooms, 10 peaches, four bananas, two apples, four pounds of plums, two pounds of grapes and some home-made bread.

Mr Seaward said she and her husband had tried to persuade their daughter to alter her eating habits. "What she ate was enough for four people."

Dr Gordon Stamp, a senior pathology lecturer at Liverpool University, said Miss Seaward died from gastroenteritis caused by intestinal damage due to massive ingestion of food. At the Royal Liverpool Teaching Hospital, an emergency operation was carried out because of breathing difficulties, but nothing could be done to save her.

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Whitehall brief

The flier landed with Merseyside

By Peter Hennessy and David Walker

After last summer's riots in Toxteth the Prime Minister received a most unusual minute. Its title, "It took a riot...", etched itself in the memories of the handful of ministers and civil servants to whom it was circulated.

Written in a highly personal style by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, it expressed his reactions to Merseyside in the aftermath of the disorders. Something had to be done.

That minute's most tangible result to date is the appointment of a civil servant, Mr Eric Sorensen, former private secretary to Mr Heseltine, as Whitehall's Mr Merseyside. He is to direct a task force intent (at minimal cost to public funds) on bettering the economic prospects of Liverpool and environs.

At 39, Mr Sorensen is the youngest under-secretary in the Department of the Environment, a "flier". But it may take more than youth and energy to assuage the suspicions of the scouse politicians and cajole the region's reluctant capitalists.

His are now the entrenched problems of a constituency in decline for many years; the area has the reputation of being the entrepreneur's graveyard, a bottomless pit for investment.

Mr Sorensen transfers to Liverpool from Whitehall's north-west frontier outpost above Manchester's Piccadilly where he has been the DOE's regional director since June, 1980. The Merseyside task force is to be his full-time job for at least the next two years.



Eric Sorensen: Thinks the unthinkable

Interviewed recently, Mr Sorensen declined, understandably, to talk about or even acknowledge the existence of Mr Heseltine's colourful minute. He said: "My new job is not something which directly emerges from the riots. Indeed the task force is not Toxteth-based, but covers the entire county of Merseyside."

The operation, he emphasized, was part of a continuum of governments' efforts on Merseyside. Is he to be a sort of surrogate Michael Heseltine? "We cannot ape the Secretary of State, his immense enthusiasm. But we must try to follow his example of willingness to meet all sorts of people... to try and get under the skin of Merseyside."

The task force comprises 24 individuals, 14 seconded from Merseyside firms, the rest drawn from a mix of government departments together with some officials from Liverpool City Council.

The task force's goals are notably vague. "Beware of building up expectations," Mr Sorensen said. "You cannot staff the task force with the traditional bureaucrats whose main job is administering the set programme. It will need people who are reasonably outgoing; who can think the unthinkable."

Mr Michael Brodick, for the prosecution, said Inspector Jordan "got his sums wrong" and in 1980 the club's accountant found a £783 shortfall in the books.

During the first two years as treasurer he had managed to repay the amounts he had borrowed, but at the end of the third year he had "grossly overstretched" himself by about £2,500.

Most social services departments plan to increase spending in real terms this year, according to a survey conducted by the influential Association of Directors of Social Services. But those increases will not suffice to maintain services, given the growing numbers of elderly people and children in care, the association claims.

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Fear of renewed Chad unrest as Libyans leave

Ndjamena, Nov. 9.—President Goukouni Oueddei of Chad said today he expected the first contingents of pan-African peace-keeping force to arrive in his war-torn country very soon.

The President, who flew back to Chad from Nigeria on Saturday after attending a 32-nation Franco-African summit in Paris, said he was satisfied with the pace at which Libyan troops were being withdrawn from Ndjamena.

According to residents near the airport, Libya has sent up to 10 aircraft a day to fly out the estimated 10,000 troops which have been in Chad since Libya's intervention 11 months ago to help the Goukouni regime's fight against guerrilla forces.

The Libyans began to withdraw last week, at the President's request and are to be replaced by the six-nation African force.

The force is to be made up of contingents from Senegal, Benin, Togo, Guinea and Zaire, with logistical support from Gabon and France.

French officials, who met President Goukouni here yesterday, told him France was ready to fly Zairean troops to Chad "as soon as Goukouni gives us the word", informed sources said.

In Bangui, the capital of the Central African Republic, President Mobutu Sese Seko, of Zaire, said that the vanguard of Zairean troops sent to Chad were arriving or about to arrive there.

However, in Brussels, Mr. Nguzu Karl-Bond, the former Zaire Prime Minister, today urged the Organization of African Unity not to send Zaire troops to Chad. Mr. Nguzu said Zaire troops were generally un-

disciplined and many had taken part in civilian massacres.

In Ndjamena, President Goukouni voiced fears that the vacuum left by the Libyan troop withdrawal could cause renewed civil unrest.

Mr. Goukouni said that "the idea of difficulties is not to be ruled out", adding "we sense the beginning of ill-will in the capital".

He described the continuing Libyan withdrawal from Chad as "satisfactory", and expressed the hope that this would be from all Chad territory, including the Aouzou strip bordering Libya.

According to a document signed by Chad and The Organization of African Unity, a "permanent committee" of OAU heads of state will be charged with assuring the good conduct of peace-keeping operations in Chad.

The six-month agreement on the peace-keeping force may be renewed by "tacit" extension.

Government falls in Khartoum

Khartoum: President Nimeiry of Sudan said today that he had dismissed the Government, the Sudanese Press Agency reported.

The report said the President had asked ministers to carry on dealing with day-to-day business until a new administration could be appointed.

President Nimeiry was reported as saying that the main task of the new government would be to carry out economic reforms. He also announced a devaluation of the Sudanese pound.—AFP and Reuters.

Wine exports boom

Russians raise a toast to Chateau Moldavia

From Michael Binyon, Kishinev, Moldavia, Nov. 9

In the fight against alcoholism, the Soviet republic of Moldavia, tucked away in the hills on the Romanian border, could play an increasingly vital role.

This small, sunny spot produces a third of all the dry wine in the Soviet Union, and the struggle to wean Russians off vodka, Soviet officials are promoting the consumption of light, good quality wine as a substitute.

Already the Soviet Union is one of the world's largest wine producers and consumers. In terms of land used for the cultivation of grapes, it ranks third after Spain and Italy.

Consumption is rising, and the Soviet Union exports increasing quantities of the better white wines and especially champagne—grown almost exclusively in the non-Russian southern part of the country.

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For Moldavia, a republic carved out of the land seized by Stalin from the Romanians in 1940, wine has always been big business. Wine-making stations and vineyards were established more than 100 years ago when the area, then known as Bessarabia, was still part of the Ottoman empire. Bunches of grapes adorn the republic's crest, and wine accounts for half its income, being the most profitable sector of the local economy.

With the collectivization of agriculture, all vineyards are incorporated in state and collective farms, and vary in size from villages producing limited amounts of top quality wine on the French chateau model, to vast enterprises bottling millions of gallons harvested from the surrounding hills.

Moldavia produces more than 100 different wines, as well as numerous brandies and fortified wines.

One such farm not far from Kishinev, the capital, produces more than two million gallons a year at a profit of 4m roubles (£3m). It also houses a wine institute, begun in 1942, that trains 1,000 students from all parts of the Soviet Union, teaching them the breeding and cultivation of grapes, the scientific basis of wine production and other aspects of the industry.

"Try this Primavera—a delicate white, first created on this farm in 1964", Mr. Ilya Kozhokar, the institute's director, tells visitors. "None is subtle bouquet of China roses it has already won three medals in international competitions."

He swills the pale splash in the tulip-shaped tasting glass and judges it according to the Soviet 10-point system, which awards 0.5 marks for trans-

parency, 0.5 for colour, 3 for bouquet, 5 for taste and 1 for typicality. He is a forceful, enthusiastic professional, who has spent time in France and is not modest in making claims for the best of the Moldavian wines.

Primavera, like Victoria, Al-legroute, but other delicate whites, is cheap at just over a pound a bottle. But it cannot be found in Moscow or other Soviet cities.

Demand for the good wines may be high, but it is more profitable for Soviet wine stores to stock the mass-produced Georgian whites or the rough, fortified wines that cost more and are swilled, like vodka, by the undiscriminating simply for their high alcoholic content.

The Soviet press has repeatedly deplored a system which discriminates against the good wines. Moldavian officials insist they are ready to increase production, but they blame the vodka-drinking tradition in the north and distribution difficulties for the indifference to good table wines in most of Russia.

Moldavia, like all of Europe was swept last century by Phylloxera, the insect that almost destroyed the vineyards of France and Germany. The The Kishinev institute conducts research into fumigation, grafting and possible ways of dealing with this apparently ineradicable pest.

The republic is also trying to develop mechanical grape harvesters, but Mr. Kozhokar admitted that an ideal machine is still a long way off. The grape harvest will continue to demand a large seasonal work force, supplemented in Moldavia as elsewhere by the drafting of students and factory workers into the vineyards.

The scorching dry summer that engulfed European Russia this year and such disastrous effects for the grain and other crops, will lead to a particularly good year for Moldavian wine—one of the few in the past decade.

All peasants have vines on their private plots and are allowed to make as much wine as they want. All state farms on suitable land grow grapes, as wine production brings in far more money than the raising of crops or livestock. The difference this year will be especially marked.

As with most Soviet products, advertising and promotion of Soviet wine, especially overseas, has far to go. Moldavia is building a new champagne factory to cope with rising export demand, but so far the best quality Moldavian wines are still drunk in Moldavia, brought out at any festive occasion.

UN tries to end deadlock

From Our Correspondent, New York, Nov. 9

Dr. Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, and Mr. Salim Ahmed Salim, his challenger for the post, are being pressed to relinquish their candidacy, at least temporarily, as the Security Council entered into its third week of deadlock.

Many members felt the time was ripe for other candidates to place their names on the ballot and to test the waters.

The pressure which has been on Mr. Salim, who is Tanzania's Foreign Minister, since the first day of balloting has shifted to Dr. Waldheim.

Since a number of potential compromise candidates have indicated that they are unwill-

ing to enter the race so long as Dr. Waldheim and Mr. Salim are running, the Council has decided to press them to bow out for a while.

Neither Dr. Waldheim nor Mr. Salim have indicated publicly that they might withdraw.

It is understood that they fear that a temporary withdrawal might prove permanent should the Council favour one of the compromise candidates.

Senior Javier Perez Cuellar, of Peru, has emerged as the leading dark horse in a race where dark horses abound. It was hoped that, as the first to declare his conditional candidacy, he would become a contender during the next round of voting.



Papal greeting for Mrs Gandhi in Rome for the United Nations conference.

Gandhi urges more on food, less on arms

Rome, Nov. 9.—Mrs. Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, today urged more spending on food and less on arms in a speech to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization's twenty-first international conference here.

"The expenditure incurred on a new intercontinental ballistic missile could plant 200 million trees, irrigate one million hectares (2.4 million acres), feed 50 million malnourished children in developing countries (or) buy a million tons of fertilizers," Mrs. Gandhi

said in her 45-minute address. Mrs. Gandhi pointed to her own country as a model for other developing nations, in food. India claims it achieved grain self-sufficiency five years ago, although the Prime Minister admitted that some citizens are still hungry because the food is not spread around evenly.

India has been criticized abroad for its atomic programme, partly because of the impression that it was squandering money that should be used to fight poverty. The Govern-

ment maintains that its 1974 atomic blast was for peaceful research.

The 152-member conference is the FAO governing body. It is meeting for three weeks to plan how to fight hunger and encourage rural development.

—AP.
Sofia: Before Mrs. Gandhi left here for Italy, she signed a joint statement with her Bulgarian hosts in which India and Bulgaria condemned the international arms race and pledged to widen relations.—AFP.

South Africa admits shooting down Angolan MiG jet

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg, Nov. 9

South Africa today admitted it had shot down an Angolan MiG21 jet in a dogfight over the "operational" area, the unspecified combat zone straddling the border between Namibia (South-West Africa) and Angola.

The statement by Defence Headquarters in Pretoria came after Angolan claims that on Thursday South African aircraft bombed and rocketed Army positions at Cahama, about 120 miles inside Angola.

The South African statement said the MiG was flown by a Cuban. A spokesman said that intercepts of orders from ground control to the pilot were in Spanish, so it was assumed he was Cuban. The Angolan news agency, Angop, said the pilot was wounded.

South Africa denied that its Mirage jets had attacked the Angolan aircraft deep inside Angola. The spokesman said the Angolan aircraft had attacked the "South African" aircraft, which were on a self-defence patrol.

In the last few years several South African aircraft, including helicopters, have been shot down while flying in low-level support of ground attacks into Angola.

The latest incident is the first reported dogfight between Angolan and South African aircraft, and suggests a growth in the war. Until now, South African jets have ruled the skies over southern Angola. According to the South-

African statement, the Mirages detected two MiGs heading towards Namibia. They took action when the Angolan jets began combat manoeuvres. One was shot down and the second was allowed to fly away "because we are not at war with Angola".

The South African Defence Force intends to release aerial photographs showing that the second MiG was clearly in the sights of the South African aircraft.

South Africa launched a 13-day ground and air strike into Angola in August and claimed to have killed up to 1,000 guerrillas of the South West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) and Angolan troops.

It said that Swapo and Angolan units were totally integrated. Four Soviet Army advisers were killed in the attack, codenamed Operation Protea, said a sergeant-major captured. There are an estimated 1,000 Soviet advisers in Angola and between 14,000 and 19,000 Cubans.

South Africa has not confirmed the Angolan Government's latest claims about the mission to Africa of representatives of the Western group, led by Dr. Chester Crocker, United States Assistant Secretary of State for Africa, which is working to resume the initiative for a peaceful settlement of the Namibia dispute.

Strike goes on as Solidarity seeks talks

Warsaw, Nov. 9.—Attempts to end Poland's longest regional strike failed today as Solidarity leaders called on the Government to open peace talks in Warsaw on Friday.

Failure to resolve the 19-day-old dispute in the western region of Zielona Gora and continuing labour protests elsewhere casts a cloud over the planned negotiations, but the Solidarity spokesman said he did not believe they would affect the outcome.

"The strikes are a problem, but they are not going to jeopardize the course of negotiations," Mr. Marek Brunne said. He also said that the union's executive presidium had drawn up a list of six issues which it wanted to discuss with the authorities after last week's important meeting between church, Government and Solidarity leaders.

The six suggested by Solidarity's Presidium today were: A social council for control of the economy; union access to the mass media; economic reform; self-management and democratic elections to local councils; the rule of law; and price reform.

Solidarity officials in Zielona Gora said the authorities did not show up to sign an agreement because of late misgivings about some of the clauses. Another strike continued at the Sosnowiec coal mine in Silesia, there was a brief newspaper stoppage in Wroclaw, and farmers continued a sit-in at a Communist youth headquarters in the city of Siedlce.—Reuters.



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Sadat's alleged killers to be tried next week

Cairo, Nov. 9. — The four men accused of assassinating Anwar Sadat on October 6 will be tried before a military court here next week, Lieutenant-General Abdel-Halim Abu Ghazala, the Defence Minister, announced today. He said the eight-count indictment would be put before President Mubarak within two days, and it would then be made public. The accused face the death penalty if convicted.

Egyptian authorities have said the assassination squad was led by Lieutenant Khalid Islambuly, and artillery officer, and was composed of "three civilians disguised as soldiers" whose names were withheld.

The three unnamed civilians are described as reservists who had recently been mustered out of the Egyptian Army after completing their mandatory service.

The four accused are in hospital, where they are being treated for wounds sustained when they were arrested near the official review stand where Sadat was shot.

According to the Egyptian press, the eight charges are: An attempt to overthrow the Government; assassination of the President and other personalities; cre-

ation of an armed para-military, terrorist movement; sabotage of public buildings; acquisition of arms and explosives with intent to carry out attacks; assassination of police officers; rupture of telephone circuits; creating a state of panic in several regions.

The 750 other people arrested since October 6, and accused of complicity in planning the assassination and of "attempting to import the Khomani revolution" to Egypt, will be summarily charged, the press said.

Lieutenant Islambuly, apparently the principal defendant, was described by authorities a few days after his arrest as a "loyal, honest and punctual" officer, but the investigation revealed he was a troubled man, who was plagued by a history of failure. He had become aggressive after his failure to have children from his two marriages.

The lieutenant had also been watched for some time by military police without results, the authorities said. The official investigation is also said to have revealed that Lieutenant Islambuly had been in touch with Abdou

Zomor, one of the "brains" of the "terrorist organization" responsible for the "Khomeini plot" in Egypt.

More arrests: The Government today extended its crackdown on dissidents with the arrest of about 60 people who are accused of being members of two underground communist organizations bent on overthrowing the regime (Our correspondent writes).

Of those people arrested before Sadat's murder, many were rounded up in connection with the sectarian strife which left more than 80 dead.

Reports in the official party newspaper *Masr* said that these people were "recently arrested had distributed pamphlets urging Egyptians to reject the Camp David peace accords with Israel."

The newspaper said they had sought to establish a "people's democratic republic of Egypt with strong ties to the Soviet Union."

BALKAN MEETING
Bucharest. President Sargel Krajcar of Yugoslavia has arrived in Bucharest for an "official and friendly" visit to Romania at the invitation of President Nicolae Ceausescu.



Kingsize hug: A tired Prince Hamzah gets a comforting hug from his father, King Hussein. The King and Queen Noor were on a family visit to Disneyland in California.

US moves troops into Egypt for war games

From Our Correspondent, Cairo, Nov. 9

Units of the United States Army and Air Force began to arrive in Egypt today to take part in the largest manoeuvres here of the American rapid deployment force. The exercise will involve Egyptian troops and about 4,000 Americans and is designed to test the United States ability to protect its interests in the Middle East.

Operation Brightstar 82 as the exercise is called, will start near Cairo West airport later this week as parallel manoeuvres take place in Sudan, Somalia and Oman, making up the first multinational tactical test faced by the rapid deployment force.

An American military spokesman said that units of the 24th Infantry Division, arriving in C-5 and C-141 transport aircraft and more troops, equipment and logistics experts will arrive later.

About 350 Army, Navy and Air Force personnel will conduct manoeuvres with Sudanese troops while in Somalia another 300 will carry out logistics training operations at Berbera. In Oman American Navy and Marine forces, operating in the Indian Ocean, will work with the Sultan of Oman's forces.

The 24th Infantry Division, Brightstar 81, was confined to 1,400 men and, unlike this year, did not include the command structure of the rapid deployment force. Equipment to be tested during the American's month-long stay includes A-10 tactical fighter aircraft, M60 tanks, M113 armoured personnel carriers, helicopters and artillery, a United States military spokesman said.

Beirut: The official Libyan news agency, Jana, said that thousands of demonstrators marched in Tripoli and other cities in Libya today in protest against military exercises (Reuters reports).

The agencies said that the demonstrators denounced the exercises as joint American terrorist manoeuvres.

Cairo: Four United States F16 fighter aircraft will be placed at Egypt's disposal from November 19, General Abdel Halim Abu Ghazala, the Egyptian Defence Minister, announced today.

The United States has agreed, in principle, to supply Egypt with arms worth \$3,500m (£1,923m) including 40 F16 fighters, 31 M16 tanks and 1,100 armoured cars, over the next five years — AFP.

Inside Haddad's fiefdom A gunman's offer is not to be refused

From Robert Fisk, Beirut, Nov. 9

Maybe it was the Detroit Lions supporter at some time in the military who wanted to discuss the finer points of American football, or it could have been the newly arrived Irish troops who blithely played volleyball just up the road as if United Nations peacekeeping was really a peaceful pursuit. But one did not get the impression today that Major Saad Haddad's little Israeli-supplied fiefdom in southern Lebanon was in a state of domestic turmoil.

Questions about the major's evoked signs of almost perverse disinterest farther south in the crumpled village of Bent Jbail, an L-shaped hamlet that still boasts a dreadful clutch of river buildings that suffered in the Israeli invasion of 1978.

In the stuffy militia office, the men of Major Haddad's private army and the Lebanese soldiers who prefer his leadership to that of Mr Elias Sarkis did not even seem to notice the arrival of Western journalists. Haddad had arrived from Beirut and been allowed to enter the enclave — something that few reporters are allowed to do. The major's men prefer to receive visits from Israeli-born contractors, not Westerners. "How is Beirut?" one of them asked and one could not help detecting a note of bemusement in his question.

A militia officer in a straw cowboy hat who sat slumped in a broken leather chair, tucked the handle of an army radio-telephone. "We know nothing about the major's resignation," he said wearily. "But why don't you ask him yourself?" outside the office, villagers clustered around the fruit stand in the tiny market, and others nonchalantly against the doorposts of the one-table coffee house. Two air raid bunkers — identical to those which the Israelis have built inside their kibbutz across the border — stood abandoned in



Nor were we permitted to travel further. We could, if we wished, dine at the one-table coffee house. So we sat in the flyblown restaurant with its racks of Israeli beer and about a bottle of Israeli wine while the waiter asked us if we wished to pay in Israeli currency. The militiaman in the cowboy hat — who had developed an unsettling habit of flicking with his thumb the end of his cigarette — hoped we would be on our way, an offer which we could not refuse.

Thatcher says EEC will pursue own policy

By David Spenser

Mrs Thatcher stuck to her guns yesterday on insisting that the European Community countries would pursue their own policy towards peace in the Middle East.

While Britain and her European partners, France, Italy and the Netherlands, would send troops to the Sinai peacekeeping force, if an appropriate basis could be found for the arrangement, the Prime Minister made it clear that the European contribution would at the same time have to be in line with their existing policy, set out in the Venice Declaration.

Speaking at the end of talks with Signor Giovanni Spadolini, the Italian Prime Minister, in the regular series of Anglo-Italian summits, Mrs Thatcher said that participation in the Sinai force came under the Camp David agreement, whereas European policy, as she reaffirmed it, was complementary to Camp David.

Neither the Prime Minister, nor the Foreign Office, where Lord Carrington had parallel talks with Signor Colombo, the Italian Foreign Minister, would have any doubts about the agreement, or even if any agreement would be worked out with the United States acceptable to Israel.

Mrs Thatcher noted, however, that under the terms of the Camp David accord, any arrangements about the peacekeeping force would have to be agreed by both Israel and Egypt. Asked whether this meant Israel had a veto, Mrs Thatcher said the force did not have to move into Sinai until March 1982, so there was time for consultation.

It is understood that Mr John Fretwell, British Minister at the Washington embassy, is conducting the negotiations with the Americans, in company with the other European envoys directly, though its voice is crucial in the matter, because the invitation to join the peacekeeping force comes from the United States.

The main topic at yesterday's Anglo-Italian summit was the European Community mandate, covering social and industrial policies, reform of the common agricultural policy, and restructuring the community budget, which will be discussed in detail at the forthcoming European Council in London.

Doubts on Quebec's response to package

From John Best, Ottawa, Nov. 9

Mr Jean Chretien, the Federal Justice Minister, expressed hope today that an agreement will be reached this week on bringing Quebec into Canada's new constitutional reform plan.

Mr Chretien, Mr Trudeau's chief lieutenant on constitutional matters, admitted however that he does not know whether Mr René Lévesque, the Quebec premier, wants an agreement. He told reporters he had been offering to talk with Mr Lévesque's government since Friday "but none of my phone calls have come back yet."

Mr Chretien confirmed that the government has decided to delay parliamentary action on the federal-provincial accord reached here last week on bringing home the 1987 British North America Act from Britain with an amending formula with a Bill of Rights added.

The delay is to allow time to persuade Quebec to join the other nine provinces in accepting the accord. "I hope it will be finalized this week, if we show flexibility and the Quebec side shows flexibility," Mr Chretien said.

Mr Lévesque angrily rejected the agreement which was the culmination of four days of bargaining among the 11 first ministers, saying that it would diminish his French-speaking province's powers.

Ransom may be sought for return of St Lucy's bones

From Peter Nichols, Rome, Nov. 9

The mortal remains of St Lucy, the patron of opticians, are still in the hands of her captors who - against them on Saturday evening - from the Venetian church. It is thought they may seek a ransom.

The two armed men stole the body after making the parish priest and a young couple lie down on the stone floor of the church. The gunmen, in an historical sense, were following an old tradition.

Lucy is generally thought to have been born in the Sicilian city of Syracuse in the year 281 or 283. She took a vow of chastity in order to obtain a miraculous cure for her mother. Her vow cost her the devotion of the man she was supposed to marry and he denounced her to the Roman authorities as a Christian.

Russia has three-to-one advantage Haig thinks

From Nicholas Hirst, Washington, Nov. 9

The Soviet Union has a three-to-one advantage over the United States in nuclear missiles and aircraft for a European theatre, according to Mr Alexander Haig, the Secretary of State.

But a comparison based on sheer numbers of weaponry did not give the whole picture. Calculations of superiority were affected by the accuracy of weapons, underlying military structures and "counters" unquantifiable characteristics.

Mr Haig said in an interview published in the *New York Times* on Saturday. His comments, which in part were an answer to the assertion by President Brezhnev that there was approximate parity in nuclear forces in Europe, came during growing European fears about a limited nuclear war arising from the Soviet Union's new American missiles being based in Europe.

So far, Mr Haig said, Western governments had been "admirably solid and consistent" in the face of Soviet propaganda and big demonstrations against plans to place 572 American Pershing 2 and Cruise missiles in Europe in 1983.

But there were dangers from the opposition. One was that the demonstrations would spread to the United States. The other was that it would lead to an American tendency to pull back from the defence of Europe.

He suggested that the European mood was not a "pacifist and neutralist trend" so much as "a heightened concern about all things nuclear."

In the forthcoming talks with the Russians on limiting medium range nuclear weapons in Europe beginning in Geneva on November 30, America would be seeking a substantial reduction in Soviet European forces, but it was not the American objective to agree to a freeze on United States missile deployment before the Pershing and Cruise missiles were installed.

The United States wished to change the terms in which nuclear strength was measured, concerning not only the number of missile launchers but on the number of warheads and their explosive power.

Mr Haig cautiously welcomed Mr Brezhnev's recent declaration that Soviet military doctrine "includes the concept of a first strike."

Troops out in Madagascar

Antananarivo, — Malagasy

Security forces moved into Antananarivo yesterday to quell fresh outbreaks of looting, vandalism and street fighting which began yesterday after a football match.

Troops took up position around the Presidential palace, while police chased looters through the city streets in an attempt to control the violence. Madagascar is going through a severe economic crisis and rice, the staple food, medicines and soap are in short supply.

In memoriam
Colombey-les-deux-Eglises — About 500 veterans of the Free French army, and the French Resistance gathered for memorial services marking the eleventh anniversary of the death of General Charles de Gaulle.

Launch postponed
Paris — The test of the fourth Ariane European satellite launcher from the Kourou base in French Guiana has been postponed from December 14 to 19 because of a strike the European Space Agency said.

Vineyards in France have a quality year

From Jonathan Fenby, Paris, Nov. 9

This year's French wine is generally good, but volume is down on last year throughout the country, according to reports from the main production areas.

In Bordeaux, the growers' association forecast that 1981 would go down as a great year because of seven weeks of sunshine before the harvest.

Red wine would be as good as the best years of the 1970s and both dry and sweet wines would be of high standard. Reports from Medoc and Saint Emilion, two particularly encouraging wine areas, quality will be high, production in Bordeaux is likely to be 25 per cent below the 1980 level.

A somewhat larger cut in volume is apparent in Burgundy, where white wines are showing particularly high quality. The reds are described as having good character and colour, but not equalling the 1979 vintage.

Spring frosts helped to reduce production in Beaujolais, whose new wine has gone to wholesalers to be bottled on Thursday and put on sale on Sunday. Total Beaujolais production this year is down to just under one million hectolitres compared to 1.2 million last year. Growers are hoping, however, that quality will be more regular than in 1980.

Further south, quality is good in the Cotes-du-Rhône, some exceptional wines are reported from the Cotes-du-Pyrenees, a good quality in the Cotes-du-Ventoux and Tricastin vineyards.

In the mass production wine fields of the south-west, production is running at about 28 million hectolitres compared to 33 million last year. Further north, the volume of muscadet and gros plant from the Nantes region will be only half the 1980 output and Loire wines have also been affected by a poor harvest.

Champagne growers, who have been hit by a series of low production years, report another slump in production this year. The total of 130 to 140 million bottles which they expect will not be enough to enable them to replenish stocks, though September weather has boosted quality.

One area in which production has not been hit seriously is Alsace, where an average output of 800,000 hectolitres is reported. Cognac producers are also reported to be optimistic about 1981, since the year's best weather has the right qualities to produce a very high quality

Montpellier: Mr. Nicolas Fauch, a British author, has won the seventh Montepulciano Prize for the year's best book on wine. Mr. Fauch, who works for *The Sunday Times*, was named winner for his book "Chateau-Margaux" — AFP.

TENSION INCREASES IN KOREA

From Our Correspondent, Pusan, Nov. 9

Tension between North and South Korea is increasing, according to the 40th meeting of the Military Armistice Commission at the truce village of Pusan today.

The North Korean delegation, who called the meeting, accused the South of committing 4,080 acts of military provocation and espionage against the North between August 27 and October 31.

Among the alleged armistice violations listed, the North said that the South had fired into the Northern zone on several occasions and that two F4 fighter bombers had intruded into North Korean air space on October 29.

Rear Admiral James Storms, spokesman for the American-led United Nations Command which acts on behalf of South Korea, said the North Korean allegations were "a litany of fabrications."

Law Report November 10 1981 Court of Appeal

Absence of arbitral findings can be relied upon if they cover new point of law

Tradax Export SA v Cook Industries Inc

Before Lord Justice Walker, Lord Justice Kerr and Sir David Cairns (Judgment delivered November 6)

If a special case stated by an arbitral tribunal lacked crucial findings of fact, a party to an arbitration might rely on the absence of those findings, if they related to a new point of law which arose as a result of subsequent decisions of the courts and it would not be unfair or contrary to authority.

The Court of Appeal so stated in allowing an appeal by buyers from the decision of Mr Justice Robert Goff. By a contract dated November 27, 1972, the sellers, Tradax Export SA, sold 12,000 tons of US soyabean meal to the buyers, Cook Industries Inc. The contract incorporated the terms and conditions of Form 100 of the Grain and Feed Trade Association (GFTA 100).

In June 1973 the US Department of Commerce imposed an embargo on the export of soyabean meal. The parties were among those affected by the embargo. The dispute concerned an unfulfilled 1,800 tons of soyabean meal under the contract of clauses 21 and 22. The arbitrators held that the sellers were in default and awarded damages of \$1,100,000 together with interest amounting to US \$15m. The sellers appealed to the Board

of Appeal, which published its award in the form of a special case and dismissed the sellers' appeal both in relation to clause 21 and clause 22.

On the hearing of the special case the judge held that the sellers failed under clause 21 but succeeded under clause 22.

Mr David Johnson, QC and Mr Nicholas Legh-Jones, QC, for the buyers, Mr Kenneth Rolleston, QC and Mr A. M. D. Havelock-Allan for the sellers.

LORD JUSTICE KERR, delivering the reserved judgment of the court, said that Mr Johnson submitted that the sellers could not rely on clause 21 because the arbitrators had not made any findings of fact in the special case. The question was whether the judge was correct.

Before dealing with that it was necessary to refer to developments concerning GFTA 100 which had resulted from decisions on other special cases since the publication of the present award. Apart from a string of sellers having to identify the shipper, it had also been recognized that they had to establish certain further facts in relation to the shipper's order to be able to rely on clause 21 or 22.

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LORD JUSTICE KERR, delivering the reserved judgment of the court, said that Mr Johnson submitted that the sellers could not rely on clause 21 because the arbitrators had not made any findings of fact in the special case. The question was whether the judge was correct.

Before dealing with that it was necessary to refer to developments concerning GFTA 100 which had resulted from decisions on other special cases since the publication of the present award. Apart from a string of sellers having to identify the shipper, it had also been recognized that they had to establish certain further facts in relation to the shipper's order to be able to rely on clause 21 or 22.

Polarization sets Belgium closer to political chaos

From Ian Murray, Brussels, Nov 9

The Belgian general election has made it more difficult than ever to find a firm Government for the troubled country. The results have shown a polarization to the right and left, with the centre-right Christian Democrats losing heavily. Only the Ecologist Movement, which won four seats in both houses, had any real cause for celebration.

The result is that there is no dominant party to form the nucleus of a future Government, while ideological differences rule out any coalition capable of bridging the deep linguistic and economic gap which splits the country.

The Social Christians, paying the price for their indecisive election campaign after 23 years in government, now have exactly the same number of seats as the Socialists. The right-wing Liberals, alone of the three major parties, picked up votes extensively in all parts of the country and claim to represent the real movement for change. But they are still significantly behind the other two groups in strength.

It is thought that the success of the Liberal Party will lead King Baudouin to pick Mr Frans Gossens, one of their elder statesmen, for the task of trying to find a viable coalition. If and when he succeeds it would be the sixth Belgian Government in three years and the thirty-first since the war. Its chances of success look no better than any of its immediate predecessors.

The underlying message of the 6.9 million electorate to the political parties is that they do not really believe in central Government's ability to solve the economic and social problems facing the country.

As a result, the Flemish state party, the Volksunie, proportionately had the highest number of gains, while the French-speaking Socialist Party in Wallonia, which had championed the cause of regional government, made slight gains largely at the expense of the weaker French-speaking parties.

The obvious temptation in forming the next Government is to create a centre-right coalition between the Social Christians and the Liberal parties, with the Volksunie also being invited to take part. The immediate problem about such a five-party coalition is that it would leave the Walloon Socialists, the French-speaking Socialists, in their own area, the most dominant force in Belgian politics.

The Walloon Socialists, as junior members of the last coalition, forced the general election because they were opposed to Government plans to restructure the steel indus-

try in their area. Forced into opposition, they could be expected to champion even more than before the cause of separatism.

The instrument to make this possible is already there. This election was the first for the new regional councils set up a year ago to try to satisfy some of the demands for local autonomy.

In Wallonia, the Socialist Party will hold three of the six seats and in the Francophone Council it will hold two of the three seats. The party may well seek to use its dominant position in these new assemblies to establish an increasing level of home rule.

The Volksunie are thinking very much along the same lines for Flanders. Mr Vlieghe, their president, said this morning that his party would not join any Government which did not agree to the formation of a Flemish state and he said so knowing that any coalition without his support would be too fragile to endure for long.

The key to the whole problem remains, as it has done since the war, in the pocket of the Social Christians: More of a movement than a political party, the Social Christians have strong trade union connections on the left and strong conservative affiliations on the right with their church and bourgeois background.

In the past, they have been able to straddle the political spectrum, forming coalitions with the left and right as the mood of the country took them.

The ecologist success is one straw in the wind which might mean that the mood of the country is swinging left. At the same time this is almost balanced by the votes for the middle class anti-tax party.

PARTY	LOWER HOUSE SEATS (1978)	ATE
Flemish Social Christians	43/57	22/29
Walloon Social Christians	18/25	8/12
Flemish Socialists	28/26	13/13
Walloon Socialists	35/32	18/18
Flemish Liberals	28/22	14/11
Walloon Liberals	24/15	11/9
Volksunie	24/14	10/7
Vlaams Blok	(1)	—
Francophone Front/Walloon Party	8/15	4/9
Communist	2/4	1/1
Ecologist	4/0	4/0
Anti-tax Party	3/1	1/0

COUNCIL SEATS
French Community Council: Socialists 42; Liberals 24; Social Christians 26; Others 22.
Walloon Regional Council: Socialists 42; Liberals 22; Social Christians 25; Others 8.
Flemish Council: Social Christians 25; Liberals 26; Volksunie 20; Others 9.



US warns Japanese on defence

From Our Own Correspondent Tokyo, Nov 9

Japan came under new pressure to take greater responsibility for its own defence today when Mr Walter Stoessel, the American Under-Secretary of State, warned Japanese leaders that an influential section of the United States Congress has linked the issue to Tokyo's trade surplus with America.

At the same time the Japanese Government announced that it has asked the United States not to increase the number of nuclear weapons deployed in Asia in view of the proposed talks on the limitation of nuclear arms in Europe.

Warning Japanese leaders today that their trade surplus with the United States is expected to reach a "disturbing" level of \$15,000m (about £7,900m) this year, Mr Stoessel pointed out that a new wave of anger is building up against Japan because it devotes less than 1 per cent of its gross national product to defence.

Mr Stoessel is reported to have told Mr Sumo Sonoda, the Japanese Foreign Minister, that the United States Government did not support the move in Congress to link trade with the demand for increased defence spending. But such a mood reflected the feelings of frustration and dissatisfaction building up in the United States.

Red Cross denounces Gulf war violations

Manila, Nov 9. — The International Committee of the Red Cross today accused both Iran and Iraq of violating their Geneva Convention commitments during 14 months of fighting in the Gulf war.

Mr Alexander Hay, president of the twenty-fourth International Red Cross conference here today that in Iran prisoners of war were held for several months in places of detention that did not meet the requirements of international law.

He added that although Red Cross inspections were allowed to resume in October, delegates had for some time been prevented from visiting the prisoners without witnesses present.

In Iraq, Mr Hay said, Iranian civilians, children, women and old people rounded up in border regions at the start of the first offensive, were held in prisoner-of-war camps despite repeated representations by the Red Cross. He noted, however, that a number of them had now been repatriated.

The ICRC also expressed deep concern that it was not allowed to offer protection and assistance in Afghanistan, the Western Sahara and parts of the Horn of Africa. — AFP and Reuters.

□ Tehran: Thirty-five people, including several babies, were killed today at Dezful, in Khuzestan in the south-west, when a minibus was hit by an Iraqi shell, Tehran radio reported. — Reuters and AFP.

Smugglers' paradise burnt down

From Karan Thapar Lagos, Nov 9

What is reputed to be Nigeria's best stocked smugglers' market burnt down at the weekend sending perhaps £5m worth of contraband up in smoke.

Alayabagba market, known as Alagba, or to its vast expatriate clientele as Smugglers' Paradise, had it all: hundreds of stalls crammed with televisions, cameras, hi-fi systems, bales of Austrian lace, French chiffon and best English worsted.

Eager shopkeepers squatted amid the profusion of wares, beds, lamps, car spare parts, pirate video films of the latest West End hits, American bubble gum and cheap jewelry as the smells of exotic kebabs and roasting vegetables permeated the hot, dusty air.

The fire is reported to have started at Alagba, 10 miles outside Lagos, at 10 pm on Friday. Newspaper accounts of what happened vary. One claims that the firemen did not arrive until 11 hours later. Another alleges that when they did, instead of putting out the blaze they joined in the looting.

The government-owned Daily Times said "good Samaritans" set up road blocks to stop looters making away with the stolen property. Many looters received instant justice at the hands of the mob, but some merely shared their spoils and both parties returned for more.

□ Vienna: Iran's exiled former Central Bank governor alleged the Islamic Government was facing imminent collapse, largely because of economic mismanagement. Mr Ali Reza Nobari told Die Presse newspaper that Tehran had practically no foreign exchange reserves and had accumulated debts equivalent to two years' oil revenues. — Reuters and AFP.

Premier keeps to centre line

Calvo Sotelo takes a grip on the helm

From Richard Wigg, Madrid, Nov 9

In an effort to disperse the confusion surrounding the week-old crisis in Spain's ruling party, Señor Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, the Prime Minister, insists that the party must remain anchored in the centre of the country's political spectrum.

He also said in a statement issued by his office last night that he wishes to lead the party in general elections called at a time of his choosing and not go to the country now in an atmosphere of crisis.

But the Prime Minister is still far from out of the wood because in spite of three lengthy meetings he has not persuaded Señor Agustín Rodríguez Sahagún, the party president, to step down and make way for him.

The basic conflict remains between the followers of Señor Adolfo Suárez, the former premier and brother-in-law of Señor Rodríguez, and the right-wing Christian Democratic wing, which is pulling apart the 165-strong Centre Democratic Union (UCD) party in the lower house.

The tussle is really about what posture to adopt at the next general election which, constitutionally, must be held before March 1983 at the latest. It starts when 15 Social Democrats led by Señor Francisco Fernandez Ordonez, the former Justice Minister, left the party without renouncing the centrist whip.

The "Suaristas", who control the party apparatus, insist that to avoid a political polarization that would be dangerous for Spain's new democracy the UCD must remain a broad-based centre movement. There is awareness that about two million of the votes at the 1979 general election came from the working class, there were more than six million votes in all.

Underlying the ideological struggle is the question of who will be on the five-man national committee drawing up the lists of UCD candidates at the next elections.

The right-wing Christian Democrats have business and banking interests behind them, and probably sectors of the armed forces, but the Suaristas can still call on a majority of the provincial party organizations.

Señor Calvo Sotelo's declaration last night brought an angry reaction from the conservative Democratic Coalition of Señor Manuel Fraga which already sees the Prime Minister having relinquished, under Suarista pressure, the idea of forming a pre-electoral coalition which his right-wing centre democrats favour.

But Señor Fraga's group only has nine MP's. Opposed to a rightist regrouping are the Catalan regionalists, who also have nine MP's in Madrid, and yesterday they offered the Prime Minister a deal to ensure "the governability of the country".

This is the overriding consideration. At the weekend Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the opposition Socialist leader, publicly urged the Prime Minister not to go to the country now and risk a power vacuum which he feared might give an excuse to those extreme right wingers, civilian and military to attempt another coup.

The remarks provided striking evidence of how fragile the opposition leader judges Spanish democracy to be — and his willingness to avoid exploiting the ruling party's difficulties.

Señor Miguel Delibes, one of Spain's leading novelists, breaking a habitual silence on contemporary politics, has perhaps best summed up the nature of the crisis facing the country: "All the politicians who take up Spain's problems burn themselves out. The Political situation is bad, but we must not lose hope for we are many who believe democracy must be given time to consolidate. If it cannot put down roots, God knows what awaits us in Spain."

Peking angry over Taiwan

Peking, Nov 9. — China today threatened to downgrade relations with the United States if Washington went ahead with the possible sale of advanced fighter aircraft to Taiwan.

The New China News agency condemned an article in the Wall Street Journal advocating the sale of advanced weapons to Taiwan as "the most bare-faced and outspoken attempt to goad the United States Administration into intervening in China's internal affairs".

The agency also issued a reminder that Peking has not totally ruled out the use of force in reunifying Taiwan with the mainland despite the moderate stance it has taken in recent years. "The Chinese Government has every right to use whatever means it deems necessary to reunify the country", the agency said in a commentary by its chief Washington correspondent, Peng Di.

It quoted the author of the Wall Street Journal article, Mr Edward Luttwak of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies at Georgetown University, as saying: "It would be in our interest to supply Taiwan with the weapons it needs". — Reuters.

CAUTION ON HOSTAGE BARGAINING

Manila, Nov 9. — When hostages are taken and negotiations begin, members of the International Red Cross should stand aside and remain neutral, according to a policy document endorsed here today.

At their twenty-fourth conference, Red Cross delegates from 121 countries noted the sharp increase in incidents of hostage-taking during the past 10 years.

The policy paper emphasizes that International Red Cross Committee delegates may materially assist hostages and provide moral comfort, but as a general rule, participation in negotiations between authorities and the perpetrators of such violations "does not come within the delegates' purview".

However, it adds that "in the victim's interest and insofar as there is no other intermediary or direct contact, the Red Cross delegates may intervene at the request of one party and with the agreement of the others".

The paper also said that the Red Cross should ignore pressure. "If, in the hope of saving the hostages' lives, the Red Cross delegates were to exert pressure on the authorities in order that they should give in to the captor's demands, the Red Cross might be blamed for being the unwitting instrument in the seizure of hostages on future occasions by persons encouraged by success." — AFP.

Burma Parliament elects general as president

Rangoon, Nov 9. — General San Yu, aged 53, a former Army Chief of Staff, was elected President of Burma today, to replace General Ne Win, aged 71, who retired after nearly 20 years in office. The vote by the 475-member parliament was unanimous.

Displacement General San Yu had been picked by General Ne Win as his successor. General San Yu headed the published list of candidates nominated by the ruling Socialist Programme Party. Parliament, meeting today for the first time since the general election last month, elected him chairman of the State Council of State, automatically making him President of the Republic.

The General was a member of the revolutionary council of colonels set up by General Ne Win to rule Burma when he took over the country in a military coup in 1962. He is a nationalist who firmly believes Burma should remain non-aligned.

He is expected to lead Burma along the same socialist path as his predecessor and little if any change is expected in domestic policy. The Parliament also re-appointed Mr Maung Maung Kha, aged 62, as Prime Minister for a new four-year term. He is a technocrat and moderate and his re-election may indicate that the new Government will continue the policy of recent years under which Burma has accepted foreign aid more readily than previously. He has been Prime Minister since 1978.

General Ne Win announced his planned retirement in August at the last Congress of the Socialist Programme Party, which he founded to implement his socialist policy of self-sufficiency. He said he was giving up the position of head of state because of old age and to ensure a smooth transition of power.

The elections were held a year ahead of schedule to accommodate the change and to enable a fresh government to implement Burma's new four-year economic plan.

General Ne Win: Picked his successor

Prisoners of conscience



Taiwan Li Ching-jung

By Caroline Moorehead

A journalist known to be highly critical of some of Taiwan's economic policies and to favour talks with the People's Republic of China is serving a five-year prison sentence for sedition. Mr Li Ching-jung was arrested in December, 1979 and convicted of spreading pro-communist propaganda.

In 1960 Mr Li joined the daily newspaper, the China Times. He was dismissed in 1973 after writing a series of articles in which he highlighted corruption in government circles. He moved on immediately to contribute articles to a number of opposition papers, then became editor of the political magazine *Demo-Voice* (*Fubao Chisheng*).

In July 1979 the magazine was banned for a month. Later, its publisher Mr Hung Chi-hang, was arrested after a visit to the People's Republic.

Five months later, on December 26, during a month of widespread opposition arrests, Li Ching-jung was arrested and held incommunicado for over two months. During prolonged interrogation he was confessed to sedition and to the spreading of pro-communist propaganda. On April 25, 1980 he was tried and sentenced by a military tribunal.

ZAMBIAN UNION LEADER FREED

Lusaka, Nov 9. A High Court judge in Ndola today ordered the immediate release of Mr Newstead Zimba, a trade union leader, the official Zambia news agency reported.

Mr Zimba, general secretary of the Zambia Congress of Trade Unions, was the second of four labour leaders detained in July to be freed.



THE CÔTE D'AZUR OFF SEASON. ALL THAT'S MISSING ARE THE CROWDS.

High poll expected in Trinidad

From Jeremy Taylor, Port of Spain, Nov 9

Trinidad and Tobago went to the polls today to decide whether there will be any important changes after the death in March of Dr Eric Williams, the country's first prime minister, whose ruling People's National Movement (PNM) has won every general election since the granting of self-government by Britain in 1956.

Opinion polls last week suggested a comfortable win for the PNM and Mr George Chambers, Williams' successor. A survey published in the *Trinidad Express* newspaper on November 1 gave the PNM 31 per cent support, against 1 per cent for its nearest rival, the Organisation for National Reconstruction

(ONR), which broke away from the ruling party. It is led by Mr Karl Hudson-Phillips, a lawyer.

The survey indicated 13 per cent support for a three-party National Alliance comprising the Opposition in the last Parliament — the United Labour Front (ULF), the Tobago-based Action Congress (DAC) and the Tapia House Movement — the left-wing National Joint Action Committee polled 1 per cent.

At the last election, in 1976, the PNM won 24 of the 36 seats in the House of Representatives, while the ULF won 10 and the DAC two.

Voting is going on against a background of industrial and

political tension. The country's \$2,000 public servants have been protesting about the Government's failure to complete overdue wage negotiations. Last week many government offices closed and mail piled up in post offices.

Mr Chambers said the main election issue was the defence of the basic democratic freedoms which Williams established and which, he says, the ONR will erode. Mr Hudson-Phillips campaigned for better management of the economy and against corruption and inefficiency while the National Alliance called for reform, which "would for the first time make sense of the legacy left behind by slavery, indenture and colonialism."

The climate's still warm. Yachts still ripple through the calm, blue waters. All the pleasures of the Côte d'Azur — the wine, the cuisine, the culture, the ambience — invite you to relax and forget it's almost Winter at home. The Air France Airbus flies on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays from

Heathrow direct to Nice. For luxury, Club Class is available on all flights, with roomy seating in the secluded front cabin. Excellent meals and complimentary drinks are served en route. You'll also enjoy special check-in facilities and seat allocation, besides

priority baggage reclaim on arrival. Economy Class and the even cheaper "Vacances" fares are available, too. Ask your Travel Agent or nearest Air France office for full details. Isn't it time you were enjoying the unique magic of the Côte d'Azur off-season?

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Party Fashion by Suzy Menkes

It is hard to believe that only five years ago it was smart to look poor. Frayed jeans, peasant patchworks and Third World hand weaves have now been overwhelmed by a tidal wave of rich velvet, ritzy brocade and grand glitter.

It is now fashionable to look very, very rich. This is naturally rather easier if you are rich. But so swift has been the change of mood, that fake rocks already sparkle in the costume jewelry counters and swags of nylon taffeta have brought ball dresses into the High Streets.

The mood for dressing up seems to have emerged simultaneously with both the upper and low crusts. In the pop world, the dead-end decadence of Punk was replaced by the swashbuckle and glitter of the New Romantics. Since the beginning of this year, social diarists have been charting the quickening pace of the fox-trot, waltz and disco bopping at deb's dances, and those parties are now filled with glamorous ball gowns and mummy's jewelry.

The poor may always be with us, but so are the rich, and the tinsel-glitter of the rest of us seems to have inspired them to come out of the closet.

Last week I had an appointment at Asprey's to see an exceptionally beautiful diamond star ring and earrings selling at £47,000 apiece. It was spoken for by the time I arrived. I hesitated, even for the purposes of art, to photograph Grosvenor Park's £37,500 Russian sable coat in Harrods Central Hall. They sold it on the day the exhibition opened. In the trade they say that there is no price resistance at all to expensive clothes; only the cheap end is slow to move.

It is easy to pontificate about parallels with the 1920s, a re-run of Brideshead on the dole money of the unemployed. I feel genuinely uneasy when I sit in a Bond Street boutique and watch women buying £2,000 worth of clothes. Some of it is still Middle East money. A lot of it is true British.

But the resurgence of extravagance is not a sign of some British social sickness. It is a fashion, world-wide phenomenon. The new administration in America has cut a swathe of luxury across the social life of the capital. This new spirit, with Nancy Reagan herself as its nerve centre, was already in evidence in the New York designer shows.

In France, opulence was the keynote of the couture collections, in spite (or perhaps because of) the arrival of the socialist regime.

If you close your mind to the implications of extravagance and accept the glamorous clothes at face value, you see a very pretty picture. The most important fashion feeling is for fabric. The ruffled blouses, cavalier trills, dashing knickerbockers and swinging skirts are reflections of daytime styles. But they are made up for evening in more gold lame than we ever saw in the days of the Silver Screen. Gold lace spotlights black velvet. Brocade jackets, tapestry trousers and rustling taffeta suggest a Restoration royal court.

The clothes on this page are expensive, although you will find the same glittering looks going right down through the price spectrum. The furs are sumptuously real. The jewelry is fake.

I think that I first grasped the significance of Ritz-chic when costume jeweller Corocraft showed me the paste replicas of the real thing that they had reproduced for the first time since the 1950s.

Throw out the worthy wooden bangles. No-one wants to look poor any more.

What recession?



Above: Glittering silk lamé jacquard-patterned Russian tunic £80.50, yoked and pleated trousers £100, both by Monica Chong from Harrods, Lucienne Phillips Knightsbridge, Whistles shops and Corniche Edinburgh. Monica Chong's braided velvet feathered and bejewelled Russian hat £55.20 at Lucienne Phillips. Paisley lurex shawl worn as sash by Roland Klein from 26 Brook Street W.1. Paste and mirrored cross and matching ring by Andrew Logan. Diamanté drop earrings by Corocraft. Bukhara jacket £2,950 by Grosvenor Canada at Harrods.

Left: Gold-silk lamé ruffled blouse £105, black velvet knickerbockers £78 both by Caroline Charles at 9 Beauchamp Place, Harrods Designer Evening dept., Simpsons, Jermyn Street, Chic, Hampstead, Moselle, Watford, Plat, Buckhurst Hill, Rebecca, Maidenhead, Angie's, Weyridge, Joan Ponting, Birmingham, Young Ideas, Ashbourne, Derby, Welwyn Department Store, Julie Fitzmaurice, Harrogate, Helen Frank, Leeds, Pauline, Newcastle, Monks Dormitory, Coggeshall, Elizabeth Elliot, Aberdeen, Private Lives in Brown Thomas Dublin, Campus shops in Nottingham, Oxford, Glasgow and Edinburgh, Black velvet curved cavalier jacket with gold pattern and gold lace edging £95, by Lumière from Romy, Kensington Church Street, Taylor and Hadow, Beauchamp Place, Squash St., Christopher's Place W.1. Gold leather sash belt £10.95 from Fenwicks of Bond Street. Diamanté drop earrings by Corocraft £2.95 from Selfridges, Harrods, Debenhams and major stores. Glitter tights from Fenwicks. Swashbuckling hooded lynx cape £21,500 by Grosvenor Canada from Harrods.

Below: Black and gold brocade jacket £172, pleated gold lamé strapless dance dress £172, both by Terence Nolder from Harrods Designer Room, Whistles shops, Friends, Dublin, Judith Taylor, West Didsbury, Blanche, Altrincham, I. W. Robertson, Glasgow. Diamanté necklace earrings and bracelet by Corocraft. Gunmetal striped chinchilla jacket £10,500 by Grosvenor Canada at Harrods.

Make-up by Christina Saunders for Esme Lander.

Hair by Martin at Hari and Friends, 30 Sydney Street, SW3

Photographs by Serge Krouglikoff

Beauty snippets

■ All that glitters... need not cost a gold bar. Skilful make-up can also give you a ritzy sparkle.

In our pictures, visagiste Christina Saunders used Estee Lauder's shimmering bronze face powder over the basic Polished Performance foundation. The model's eyelids gleam with Gold-lit copper and Gold-lit bronze shadows. Both the Rose Gold streaker on the cheeks and the Crystal Gold lipstick add to the shimmering effect, which reflects the glamour of the clothes.

■ The major beauty houses have all gone on to the gold standard, especially Max Factor whose Shimmering Copper highlighter emphasizes the metallic thread running through their Colorfast collection. Frosted lipsticks and blushers in a range of fashion colours are all packaged in gold to emphasize the point.

The Russia of the Tsars and the glamour of the East are the twin themes of Outdoor Girl's Folklore Fantasy collection, which has iridescent pearly eyeshadows and a shimmering face powder.

A quick uplift for the eyes would be a trio of shadows from Boots No 7, matt brown with two shades of gold.

Princess Marcella Borghese, who has the right aristocratic pedigree for the currently fashionable look, has introduced her Rococo range, with opulent shades of plum, royal purple and antique golds and coppers for the eyes. The eyes have it too in Ultima II's Fantasy collection, which uses opalescent tones and vibrant colours with gleaming copper and gold.

Pewter as well as silver, bronze, and copper are the young and exciting looks from Miners, although I am not sure I warm to cheek colour called Beaten Copper. Revlon's Gypsy Gold, as its name suggests, has a gold thread running through the range, with a pretty pale pearl called Moonlit White as one of their eye colours.

■ Jewels also make beauty news for those who prefer gems to gold. Elizabeth Arden's richly-coloured range is divided into diamonds and rubies, with the paler sparkling colours for the eyes contrasting with deep rich reds.

Ivory is teamed with gold for Helena Rubinstein's duo eyeshadow set, which also has a burnished copper and a sparkling highlighter romantically called Dancing Star.

Party pirates seem to be in mind for Mary Quant whose new Red Admiral make-up look includes a studding duo eyeshadow. Blue Tattoo in navy and gold and a lip pencil called Golden Galleon. You can scatter sparkle over your eyes with Miss Selfridge's gold shadow and their body glitter Sweet Glimmer for all over - including the hair.

■ The eyes are the focal point for the new glitter, but as it is now fashionable to blend in all the face make-up, you might be wise to invest this Christmas in a discreet all-over glitter.

Many of the beauty houses describe their sparkling make-ups as giving the effect of a face seen by firelight. And I had always thought that it was by candlelight that I looked my best.



Smoking, and the battle over the chew cure

Rachel Cullen

Smoking is extremely harmful to those who do it, unpleasant and probably dangerous to those forced to inhale other people's smoke, and costs the country a fortune in the treatment of smoking-related diseases.

Thus far the Government and the medical profession speak with one voice. The introduction, therefore, just over a year ago of a preparation which would help large numbers of cigarette smokers to give up the habit should have been welcomed by all.

The product is the nicotine chewing gum Nicorette. Extensive trials at the Addiction Research Unit of the Institute of Psychiatry since 1975 have given extremely promising results: early this year their research was published in the British Medical Journal and showed that 38 per cent of those who had used Nicorette were still non-smokers a full year later. Now this may not seem a very startling success, but the best results for the only other method to have been examined - counselling and support - hover around the 14 per cent mark. The results of Nicorette in these trials are also impressive for the reason that the gum has helped patients attending a smoking clinic: people who though undeniably with a strong motivation, have tried and failed repeatedly to give up smoking.

Nicorette was granted a product licence by the Committee on the Safety of Medicines in June 1980. This committee exists to examine both the efficacy and the safety of new drugs. Its licensing of Nicorette was felt to be a breakthrough by the team at the Addiction Research Unit, led by Martin Jarvis, since for the first time general practitioners were being given something other than encouragement to offer to addicted smokers trying desperately to give up.

However, only four months later another committee from the Department of Health and Social Services pronounced very differently. The Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances determines whether various toilet preparations and foods may be prescribed on a National Health Service prescription. Their opinion was that Nicorette could not be granted this status, since there was "insufficient evidence that its widespread use would give telling benefits to patients". In effect, despite rigorous clinical evaluations which testify to its usefulness, the gum was lumped together with all the quick remedies which claim on no evidence whatever to help in the anti-smoking battle.

Nicorette thus came to occupy an anomalous position which appears to be unique: not even a "borderline substance" in the eyes of the advisory committee, it yet is tacitly recognized as a drug in that it is not available over the counter but only on prescription. And on any common-sense criteria it must be considered a drug. The active constituent is a potent, even poisonous substance which reduces an addict's craving for nicotine by delivering small measured doses through the lining of the mouth. And though the name is indisputably frivolous and the prescription as chewing gum may seem unduly pleasure-oriented, in fact the formulation is essential, since the nicotine has to be absorbed by the tissues before it is swallowed and inactivated by digestive processes.

Moreover, there is an interesting comparison to be made with official reaction in Eire, where the gum has just been introduced. The Irish equivalent of the NHS is the General Medical Service Scheme, under which some 40 per cent of the population qualify for free prescriptions. Within this system, perhaps because there is no committee to advise on "borderline substances", Nicorette will be prescribed normally as a drug.

This Irish decision, of course, throws into question the status of Nicorette in Britain. Its distributors estimate that about 100,000 smokers this year alone will attempt to give up smoking with the help of Nicorette, and the evidence from the Addiction Research Unit makes it likely that up to 40,000 of them will succeed. Can a product that may, without hyperbole, be expected to save up to 40,000 lives in a single year be justifiably considered by the DHSS as of less medical value than shampoos and suntan creams?

The argument against Nicorette, such as it is, would appear to be more moralistic than scientific. A civil servant from the DHSS pointed out to me, somewhat astutely, that stopping smoking was "only" a matter of willpower and so there was no reason why smokers should be helped by the NHS. This was expressed as personal rather than official opinion, but it is probably widespread.

Now leaving aside the tremendous difficulty experienced by any addict in curing himself, both the morality and the economic sense of this point of view are pretty suspect. Morally, has the

DHSS the right to refuse treatment to any weak-willed and fallible beings trying to put right the results of their own shortcomings? Economically, would the cost of a three-month supply of Nicorette to the health service, £25.20 at the moment, not be a better investment than the £115m a year estimated to be spent on treating smoking-related diseases?

It is an inescapable factor, in considering these figures, that the Government receives nearly £2,600m each year from taxes on tobacco and that the pro-tobacco lobby in parliament is a powerful one. More significant, though, is the lack of political kudos in preventative medicine, especially preventative medicine presented in the apparently inconsequential and pleasurable form of chewing gum. The Government may not dare to face the storm it might expect if it allowed prescription of Nicorette on the NHS.

Also difficult to avoid is the issue of whether the puritanical attitude of the DHSS really matters. Surely, it may be argued, people who have been paying nearly £1 a packet for cigarettes can afford the private prescription cost of the gum at about £5.30 for 10 days' supply. Indeed they have in a sense proved that they can.

All the same, there are serious reasons why Martin Jarvis and his colleagues, working at the sharp end in the struggle against smoking, regard the Government's attitude to Nicorette as tragic. Not only is there an inescapable refusal to support people fighting a real battle against a real crippling addiction which costs the country such vast sums, but even more importantly the staff at the Addiction Research Unit are already finding that GPs do not take seriously a product which is regarded so lightly by the Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances.

Further trials of the gum at the Addiction Research Unit have been completed and will shortly be published: preliminary examination of the data suggests that the success rate may be even more heartening than previously thought. Another study is in progress under the aegis of the British Thoracic Association.

As the amount of positive evidence for the benefit of nicotine chewing gum increases, the Government agencies may decide to brave possible bad publicity and allow its prescription on the NHS. One must hope so. For while willpower alone may be enough for some to give up smoking, a scientifically proven remedy for the rest is certainly not a luxury.

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I went to prison for espionage ... if only I'd gone to Cambridge!

by Ormond Uren

On Sunday morning my name was brought out of the obscurity in which it had lain for 40 years and connected with the giant wave of interest in wartime spying for Russia. Readers of *The Observer* learnt from an article by Nigel West that I was a "Cambridge educated linguist" who had had "five meetings" with the organiser of the British Communist Party from which secrets of the Special Operations Executive had been passed to Moscow. I felt some relief that the story had come out into the open. But I felt extreme anger at being associated with the Cambridge mafia of spies. I was not at Cambridge. It strikes me all too forcibly that if I had been I might now be in possession of immunity from prosecution or be drinking vodka and Georgian wine in a luxury KGB ghetto in Moscow. Instead, I was tried by court martial, cashiered and sentenced to seven years penal servitude.

The bald facts of my case are as follows: in 1943 I was a 23-year-old officer in the Highland Light Infantry working in London in the Special Operations Executive. I committed a breach of the Official Secrets Act by communicating secret information on two occasions, to the best of my recollection, to Douglas Springhall, who was the National Organizer of the Communist Party of Great Britain. Exactly how and why this happened is not so easy to explain.

Before the war, unlike many people of my age, I was not particularly attracted to communism. Nor was I a communist during my first year or so in the army in 1939-40. My "conversion"—the word could perhaps be

used without inverted commas—took place after I had been commissioned as an officer in 1940. I was extremely depressed about the state of the world and, reading some communist literature while in this state of mind, I "saw" with the force of a blinding illumination that communism was the only solution to the world's problems.

It suddenly became vitally important to me to participate in this movement by joining the Communist Party. I had communist friends in Edinburgh whom I saw whenever I was home on leave and I asked them to tell me how I could become a member of the party. As a serving member of the armed forces, open membership of the party was naturally out of the question.

After some time—by now I had been detached from my unit and was working in SOE in London—I was told that the person responsible for organizing people like myself was Springhall, and that a meeting would be arranged.

I no longer remember how the message came to me, but it was to the effect that at a certain time on a certain day I should go to the Pop-In restaurant in the Charing Cross Road and that there I should meet Springhall. I have forgotten how I was meant to recognize him, but I did. I told him I was very keen to be considered a member of the party and to work for it. I also told him about the sort of work I was doing and my department.

It is obvious to me now that he was amused by my starry-eyed enthusiasm. However, he told me to put this information in writing and another date was fixed

when I was to meet him in a news near Baker Street. These are the only times I recall meeting Springhall and they were certainly the only times that any important information passed between us. This information, about my work and my department, was all I gave him. My impression is that at this stage he was more concerned with establishing my credentials than with anything else.

For my part, however, I was convinced that I was doing something important. I had managed to persuade myself that at that time what I was doing was the right thing.

Shortly after this Springhall was arrested and sentenced to seven years penal servitude in connection with another case involving a woman in the Air Ministry. At first I was extremely frightened, but as the months went by and nothing happened to me, I began to feel more and more relieved and to hope that I could look on the episode as closed.

One day in November I was called in by the security officer and introduced to another officer who asked me a few questions. His first words were: "On—he named a date in April—you met Springhall."

It never occurred to me to do anything but confess to the whole thing. After the tension I had been living under for the past months it was also a tremendous relief. To my surprise I was not immediately placed under arrest but was able to spend my last free evening for four years at the theatre with a girl friend. The play was *Arms and the Man* and Anthony Eden was sitting in the row in front of us.

At my court-martial the statement I had made was

the only evidence brought against me. It contained essentially what I have said above. For the next four years I sampled a representative selection of His Majesty's Prisons, starting at Wormwood Scrubs and moving via Wakefield, Leeds, Durham and Saughton, in Edinburgh, to Peterhead, in Aberdeenshire. There was a brief stay in Dumfries and I was finally sent to Barlinnie in Glasgow for release in December 1947.

I returned to Edinburgh University and completed the degree in French which I had started in 1936. I also began to find out that an important part of the punishment of imprisonment only begins when you come out.

I now learn from Nigel West's *Observer* article, not only that I was a "Cambridge educated linguist" and that I had "five meetings" with Springhall, but that it was unfortunate that no one in MIS enquired into Uren's Cambridge background. It would have been better

if Mr West had investigated my "Cambridge background" before writing his article.

I am left with the peculiar impression that Mr West is talking about someone else who just happens to have the same name as myself, or a favourite theme in science fiction, to some parallel universe where things happen almost, but not quite, the way they do in this one.

More seriously, I feel it is grossly unfair to blur the difference between my case and that of the "Cambridge group" in this way. I do not wish to justify myself or minimize the importance of what I did. Whatever my motives, I committed a serious offence and can hardly complain at being punished.

The Cambridge spies, men considerably older than myself, worked consistently for Russia over a long period of time and have remained, almost to a man, immune from punish-

ment. Had I been the Cambridge linguist that Mr West refers to I would almost certainly have been in a position to pass on much more important secrets to the Russians and the chances are I would have got away with it.

On a number of counts I can, I suppose, reckon myself fortunate. The paper I passed to Springhall was not, I think, important as information. There can have been little in it that the Russians did not know anyway. It did, though, provide a means of putting pressure on me that would very likely have been used if MIS had not got in first.

And although I have doubts as to the necessity of Mr West's dragging up a 40-year-old case, I can also be grateful to him. Having spent the best part of 40 years thinking that most of the people around did not know about "my past", the likelihood is that now most people will know. It is reassuring to realize that most of them do not give a damn.

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Ormond Uren (above), the Edinburgh University man who went to prison for passing secrets to the Communists; and (right, from the top), Anthony Blunt, Leo Long and Kim Philby, the Cambridge men who got away.

The City smell will never be the same again

You can smell Billingsgate fish market half a mile away, beyond the financial palaces of King William Street as far as the Bank itself. The smell is as crude and incongruous among the institutional grandeur of glass and steel as that of a faraway world. The market opens before dawn, and iced lorries have taken the fish away long before the banks open their doors, but the smell hangs around all day. It has done at Billingsgate for at least 700 years.

Not for much longer, though. In January the market moves out to a modern site in the Isle of Dogs. The schemes of planners over the last 60 years will triumph, and the City markets where the money and merchandise of all kinds change hands will no longer be affronted with the smell of wealth on the slab.

Billingsgate at a drizzly 5 am is an immeasurably more animated spectacle than the floor of the Stock Exchange, even in the throes of one of the headlong panics. This is so even though most of those taking part in the spectacle are quite dead. There are porters and buyers by the hundred, but fish by the hundred thousand, whole and dismembered, rigid and thawed, open-mouthed round-eyed and woebegone. The imagination grows fishy-eyed at the idea that there will be as many new faces here tomorrow, and many of fish in the sea after that I had not thought death had undone so many.

Ever day 200 tons of fish pass through the draughty market hall: trundled on metal-wheeled trolleys which clatter incessantly on the wet flagstones, with an urgency that bespeaks piecemeal rates.

Most of the porters are big men with big voices, and they need them in this din. They stamp over the wet floor, and crushed salt in wellies and waders, clapping fishy arms across broad shoulders to exchange Billingsgate jokes, whose flavour, like medical humour, reflects an ambience of offal and cadavers.

They take a sturdy satisfaction in being a public spectacle, and are given to outlandish and swashbuckling details of dress, over or under the obligatory reeking white coat. Only one or two still wear the traditional armoured black hat, resembling a tin helmet beaten flat and adapted for carrying loaded crates, 20 stone at a time. Old porters could once be recognized by the permanent groove above the eyebrows where the wooden rim pressed down. All this has been made unnecessary by the money trolleys though many porters still habitually carry smaller loads overhead, using an assortment of yellow sou'westers, baseball hats and saturated tartan caps to cushion the weight.

With its strange hours and family businesses, Billingsgate is a world of its own, where everyone knows everyone. At the tea-stall out in the rain, where four mugs (and half the counter) are filled with one flourish of an iron scoop big enough to boil a lobster in, they do not need telling that Ken takes sugar and Ted does not.

There are always a few early tourists around, queasy from the hour and the smell, jumping nervously at every sudden cry of "Ma becks!" or nudge of the ankle with a crate of Lowestoft cod fillets. The market is full of notices saying "Members of the trade only served", so visitors are told to take a whiffing home as a souvenir. It is a cruel ground to find a curate of shoals prepared to relax the

official rule that in death they shall not be divided.

The place is congested and dilapidated, but now that the move to the Isle of Dogs is imminent, many who work in the market are beginning to feel nostalgic about it, apart from their confident expectation that the move will lead to endless cock-ups. But like other national institutions, Billingsgate is not what it was. A generation ago, when fishing boats still came up river to unload their catch, 450 tons of fish would pass through the market in a morning—the equivalent of three big whales. Nowadays, fry innumerable swarm straight to the fish finger factories. "I blame the housewife," grumbles a porter. "Show her a haddock today and she wouldn't know what to do with it."

Many of the victims are still alive. Dozens of wire baskets as big as dustbins brim over with live crabs. They square up to one another feebly in the pan while being weighed. Rubs of crab or wrinkles are trundled off alive and trundled back shortly after, cooked and deliciously steaming in the cold air. Six-pound Rebrideau lobsters 50 years old stretch dainty legs as blue as lapis. Oysters travel first-class in wooden tubs, packed in seaweed to help them feel at home.

There are zinc filing cabinets head high, every drawer seething with eels. Some slither out and swim off across the wet floor, too slippery to pick up. Eels never give up hope. But nearby two children in cylindrical rubber aprons stand in perpetual streams of blood, one filtering eels at the rate of one every seven seconds, the other keeping pace, chopping them into segments ready for jellifying.

The market can never have been a prime piece of Victorian architecture, and the decision by Mr Michael Heseltine, the Environment Secretary, to make it a listed building might seem dubious if there were not so many specimens all round of the sterilized offices which would certainly replace it. The site, between Tower Bridge and London Bridge, overlooking the river, is so relentlessly abused by London architecture, is a fine one.

The City was furious at the listing, as the Corporation had intended to finance the move by selling the site to a developer. But it has not lost hope, for it is predicted that the whole building may collapse once the market leaves. Its entire foundation is an immemorial cold-store, a series of dusky catacombs with snowdrifts underfoot and a lace of ice-crystals covering the vaults two or three feet thick. The suspended breath of generations of porters' oaths, Blackened lost fish as rigid as fossils, ostracoderms or lunapids, clutter underfoot, genuinely a century old, for all one can tell.

Once this foundation of ice melts—which may be some years after the archaic ammoniacal freezers are turned off—everything may subside into Thames mud. The way to battle the City, of course, is to retain the permafrost. The glittering vaults are one of the strangest spectacles in London. The market at ground level will no doubt be given over to pricey boutiques, dandies with dulcimers and so on, as Covent Garden has been. Down below, the frost should retain "I would be a miracle of rare device, a City pleasure-dome with caves of ice."

George Hill

On the good side of the bad boys of tennis

John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors, and Ilie Nastase, who are all competing in the Benson and Hedges tournament starting today at Wimbledon, have one remarkable quality in common. At different times each has been the game's best and worst advertisement. As the finest player in the world, playing tennis exceptional in its standard and exciting in its nature, each in turn has been exemplary lighting fires in the sporting imagination. Simultaneously each has caused deep offence with coarse behaviour transgressing the social and sporting conventions.

A game's best players are usually among the best sportsmen because of the self-discipline both roles demand. That remains true. Tennis has acquired a distorted image from Nastase, Connors, McEnroe, and a few of the supporting cast. The players are primarily responsible but some blame also lies with court officials who are too chicken-hearted to apply the rules (especially to celebrities) and with the publicity media's preference for bad news.

It was at Wimbledon, a few years ago, that Roy Emerson asked why bad behaviour was given more publicity than good tennis. A short answer is that a reporter would not be doing his job if he took the blinkered view that nothing mattered except technique and tactics and results. Moreover, news is equated with the exceptional: and bad behaviour is exceptional and can therefore be a cheap publicity gimmick.

The era of expanding open competition has also made tennis a full-time job for teenagers who mature as competitors before they mature as people. Champions used to be men and women. Nowadays more and more are emotional adolescents trying to cope with fame and fortune and intense professional stress while still growing up. That explains bad behaviour and bad publicity.

It also explains why Nastase and Connors—disciplined by marriage, fatherhood, and advancing years—have become much more discreet, even charming, in sharing their impish sense of fun with those around them.



Three to follow at Wimbledon this week: Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe and Ilie Nastase

The younger, comparatively shy McEnroe has an on-court disposition that, except for his temper, is closer to the norm in tennis players. "I find it very hard to relax on court. I was brought up to be serious. If I joked around, did things that are pleasing to the crowd, maybe I wouldn't do as well."

At different times Nastase, Connors, and McEnroe have all become cult figures representing towards rebellion and authority that is almost as natural to the young as a sense of adventure. They have helped to expand the game's popularity beyond the sometimes prim gentility of its middle-class or "country club" traditions. They have also done harm, because bending the rules and offending others advances no cause except that of anarchy.

In all communities social stratification is inevitable. In tennis, which has the additional topographic hazard of a

generation gap, the stratification is most strongly marked at Wimbledon. Is it too much to suggest that the attitudes of Wimbledon is New York and that a mixture of the two must always have explosive possibilities?

Never mind the fact that McEnroe was brought up in an attractive, affluent, Wimbledon-type suburb. Never mind the fact that Connors is a New Yorker only by temperament. On the one hand we have an English club ignoring the principle that although everyone is important, no one is very important. On the other we have a breed ignoring the principle that if a man has to shout to attract attention, he is probably not worth it. The cultural roots common to Wimbledon and New York are no more obvious than those between Margaret Thatcher and Tony Benn.

McEnroe, Connors, and Nastase are neither saints nor villains. Half that statement is self-evident. As for the other half, it should be more widely known that all three have unusually long memories for small kindnesses and are loyal, considerate, and gener-

ous (not merely with money) to those they respect. Many examples could be listed. Let it merely be said that Nastase's impulsive, self-effacing philanthropy has made him lifelong friends in some odd places, and that last December, on a day when McEnroe could have earned a small fortune by playing Bjorn Borg in a two-man South African promotion, he and Connors were playing for nothing to raise funds for a campaign to relieve world hunger.

Such qualities would be taken for granted in most people. They assume a possibly disproportionate importance as unexpected facets of three men who sometimes seem to play the role of "heavy" in rotation. On and off court, the game would be less fun and a less exciting spectacle without them. All three have a gift for comedy. McEnroe's has yet to surface on court, but it will. The man enjoys tennis so much that sooner or later it has to show. He needs enemies but like the rest of us he needs laughter too.

Rex Bellamy

Diplomatic optimism among the East-West glitter

An unexpectedly optimistic mood about East-West relations emerged yesterday from diplomatic circles in Washington and London following the reception given by the Soviet Embassy in both capitals to mark the 64th anniversary of the October revolution.

Senior diplomats, who were still nursing hangovers from the ocean of vodka provided at the two glittering receptions, told me it is premature to suggest a nuclear holocaust has been avoided. But I am heartened by reports still reaching me.

In London a sumptuous do was attended by Lord Trefgarne, Parliamentary Under Secretary at the Foreign Office with special responsibility for East-West relations—as senior a government representative as any the FO has sent in recent years.

Sir Harold Wilson and Michael Foot were also welcomed by Victor Popov, the Soviet ambassador, to the embassy in Kensington Palace Gardens for an evening which press attaché Nikolai Ouspenski described as a reception aimed at improving relations.

Table fare fit for a Tsar marked the reception just a few blocks from the White House in Washington. Soviet ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin, dean of the Washington diplomatic corps and an amiable professional who has served some 20 years there, greeted hundreds of guests as they wound their way up a carpeted circular staircase to the main ballroom of the mansion, built by railroad sleeping car baron George Pullman.

The guests swarmed to ante-rooms where tables laden with

caviar were constantly restocked. Both receptions were marked, however, by the absence of the Swedish ambassador following the recent Soviet submarine incident. Mr Per Lind, the London ambassador, stayed away after the Swedish government notified its missions abroad to boycott the receptions, and Count Wilhelm Wachtmeister, his opposite number in Washington, was said to have played indoor tennis during the celebration.

Suez seven

A very select band of MPs and former MPs is meeting for dinner tomorrow evening to mark an anniversary that most of us might prefer to forget—the 25th anniversary of the Suez debacle.

Michael Brotherton, the Tory MP for Louth, has invited the seven conservative MPs who resigned the party whip as a protest against the British withdrawal to Locketts Restaurant in Westminster.

The "magnificent seven" as he describes them, include the Rt Hon The Earl of Lauderdale, Rt Hon Sir Angus Maude MP, Sir Victor Ralke, Sir John Biggs-Davison MP, Anthony Fell MP, Victor Monagu and Paul Williams.

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Marshall 'music'

That old English folk song *There's a Hole in My Bucket*—always peculiarly susceptible to vaguely satirical contemporary interpretation—was given a new lease of life yesterday on the boards of the Players' Theatre, in Villiers Street, London by former parliamentary under-secretary of State for Industry, Michael Marshall.

The Conservative M.P. for Arundel cited a new version of

THE TIMES DIARY

What's the going price for a Hitler diary? Author and journalist Peter Johnson tells me it's £70, or thereabouts. He knows how Hitler can fetch, too—about £50. But for that, they have both got to be in mint condition.

Hitler and the idiot were two saps in the million-dollar toy soldier collection which Forbes, the leading American business magazine, houses as a public museum in a gleaming white palace at Tangier. It is the world's biggest private army—the 70,000 pieces include Lennart Vapola and the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh—and it is owned by Malcolm Forbes, the American millionaire.

Mr Johnson and his wife, Anne, are curators of the collection. He has just written a book about it—

Toy Armies (Batsford, £9.95p). The missing Führer, he says, has a spring-loaded healing arm. He was eventually tracked down to a private collection in the hills of Maine. The idiot proved harder to find. Ironically, he was eventually found lurking at the bottom of a box at the Johnsons' home, a job lot assortment of farm animals and bucolic figures, snapped up at a country auction.

It was, apparently, thanks to King George V that the idiot entered Britain's toy soldier catalogue in the 1920s. The monarch was visiting a vast farm and village scene at a British industries fair. "But where's the idiot?", he wanted to know. "No English village is complete without him."

Soon afterwards, straw-chewing idiots came pouring out of the model-making factories. But, after a decade, production stopped. The gnomish chap was thought to be incompatible with good taste.

Michael Flanders and Donald Swann's classic variation on a theme.

In 1953, you may recall, their original rendering ran: "There's a hole in my budget, dear Winston, dear Winston. There's a hole in my budget, dear Rab (as in Butler—my initials), dear Rab, dear Rab. Then mend it dear Rab, etc."

Yesterday Marshall declaimed his up-to-the-minute version of the song—substituting Margaret, as in Thatcher, and Geoffrey, as in Howe, for Winston and Rab—at a special performance of dramatic and comic monologues to launch his new book, *The Book of Comic and Dramatic Mono-*



Shurely on what they get unemployed navies can afford to dress better than Michael.

the main characters of *There's a Hole in My Budget* who are described as dancing round the stage in ever-inflationary circles, has changed to keep up with the new faces appearing at Nos 10 and 11 Downing Street.

Yesterday Marshall told me that he had sought special permission from Michael Flanders' widow to update the song. "It would be wrong to make the present prime minister and chancellor feel out of the act", he said.

Having already compiled two books of Stanley Holloway's monologues his latest venture has been to collect more than 250 monologues dating from the turn of the century to the present day and featuring the work of such masters as Arthur Askey, Joyce Grenfell and Cyril Fletcher.

Over the years the identity of

taken many forms over the years, is the author of Sir Jonah Junor, the *Private Eye* version of Sir John Junor's *Sunday Express* column, which is almost as masterly a parody as the original.

Mackay, aged 39, lightly heckled Sir Junor, who was the luncheon to launch Sir John's collected works. "Don't listen to Sir Jonah Junor over there," Sir Junor advised us guests. "Over here is the real Mackay," he added, pointing to a man in a red and unreal now have the same employer.

We scholars of these matters differ among ourselves as to whether Mackay is also the author of the offensive name by which Lord Matthew was known in the *Eye*. This uncertainty is just as well since Lord Matthews is the *Daily Express* Chairman.

Shuffling Lynn

The long-awaited return to the London stage of former top dramatic ballerina Lynn Seymour, who forsook the Royal Ballet in January to form a company devoted to presenting dance with rock music, will raise a few eyebrows in the ballet world.

She will be appearing with Olympic figure skating champion Robin Cousins in a soft shoe shuffle at Riverside Studios in a charity concert with Susannah York, Fenella Fielding, Rula Lenska and Frances de la Tour aimed at raising cash for the threatened studios.

Balletomanes have grown accustomed to Miss Seymour's eccentricities—her appointment as artistic director of the Bavarian State Opera Ballet was less than a successful and her performance as a neurotic housewife in a gala at the London Palladium last November inspired some dreadful

reviews—but I still fear for her Riverside performance. Miss Seymour (CBE 1976), who is organising the event said yesterday: "I don't see why anyone should be perturbed. Robin is removing his blades. It should be marvelous. I've been deflected from the Royal Ballet was regarded as misguided, admits she is having difficulty finding her rock dance company. "There have been money problems," she said. "I would be about £100,000. But I'm not giving up. Life is full of ups and downs."



Lynn Seymour

Not amused

The *Sunday Telegraph* may expect to hear from solicitors representing Sir Dick White, former head of the security services. He tells me from his home in Arundel that he is not amused by the ST's report of his death. Nor does he spied for the Germans during the last war. Sir Dick said: "It's scandalous, but I hope the matter will be settled in an orderly fashion."

Michael Horsnell



MR FOOT'S LEADERSHIP

The serious question concerning Mr Michael Foot today, the anniversary of his election as leader of the Labour Party, is not a matter of whether at the Cenotaph he looked like an out of work navvy, as cruelly suggested by one of his backbenchers, but whether he begins to look like an ex-Party leader. Making every allowance for the horrendous difficulties which he inherited, Mr Foot's record so far is disappointing to his supporters and his prospects are bleak. While the Prime Minister and her Government are less popular with the electorate than any Cabinet predecessors in living history, Mr Foot and his Majesty's Opposition are totally failing to capitalize on this opportunity; he is personally even less popular than Mrs. Thatcher.

During his brief reign — though with origins and causes long before it — the Labour Party has begun to disintegrate electorally and internally. So recently a mighty political force, having won four in the last six general elections and governed Britain for eleven of the past seventeen years, it now trails far behind the Alliance, and in some polls behind the Conservatives. The flow of defections from Labour shows no sign of diminishing: were the Left to triumph at next year's conference this flow would become a flood. Throughout this calamitous year, from his personal humiliation at the Wembley Conference through the formation of the SDP to his party's humiliation last month at Croydon, Mr Foot has never given any indication that he grasped the true nature of the crisis facing him and the Labour Party. He seems to believe that a leadership stance and rhetoric some what to the left of centre — a weak mixture of George Lansbury and early Harold Wilson — is sufficient to hold the Party together. This alone can explain why he recently used his casting vote to defend the Left's control of the key committee covering home policy and party organization; why he is positively promoting Mr Benn's membership of the shadow Cabinet; and why he has been so reluctant to fight extremist organizations such as the Militant Tendency which operate independently

within and against the official party organization. Presented as a strategy for uniting the whole party, it is in fact mere appeasement of the left.

Mr Foot seems rooted in his own experience of twenty years ago, when he led a minority left wing which was firmly within the democratic socialist mainstream of Labour ideals. Now the Left is sectarian, intolerant, anti-parliamentary. It would prefer to drive out the moderates in order to control a smaller Marxist party than to share power in a bigger broad church party. It is well advanced in securing that control. Changes in the rules for electing the leadership and for re-selecting MPs have shifted power to party activists on the left. These latter number no more than 50,000 over the country as a whole and do not pretend to represent the views of millions of moderate Labour voters, but they have been able to take over the party's organization because it is in fact rotten. Its individual membership has declined precipitately to barely a quarter of a million — the worst ratio of members to voters in any major party in western Europe. Its network of full-time agents has withered to only a few dozen — ironically little more than the full-time network run by the Militant Tendency. Indeed the stage has almost been reached when it is unfair to imply that the various sects of the far left are insidiously infiltrating the Labour Party; they are now openly joining it as their natural and convivial base of operations. Moderate MPs are being squeezed out or leave the party just before they get the message of intimidation which was the true purpose of re-selection and will, sadly, play the left wing game to keep their place at Westminster. Thus the PLP is itself slipping leftwards and the forces which from enthusiasm or cynical calculation support Mr Benn renew their advance after temporary setback at the Brighton conference.

Mr Foot, presides over this depressing state of affairs rather like a pilot on the flight deck of his plane who has not been told that a hijack is taking place. He should pause a while from marching and declaiming against the sins of

the Prime Minister to take note that the most immediate threat comes in fact from his enemies to the left. They may well destroy his hopes of winning the next election. If he does win with them in control, he will be forced to govern — assuming, unlike in the GLC, they condescend to allow him to continue as Leader — on principles and with priorities far removed from those which have guided his own distinguished political life.

Mr Foot is not young at 68 and if he does not feel the urgency or determination to rescue his party and his reputation, he should hand over to another. Mr. Hattersley, Mr. Healey, Mr. Shore and Mr. Varley (in alphabetical order) have each shown the necessary courage. If he is prepared to fight, he has perhaps one more year, until the next conference, at the latest, in which to roll back the tide of extremism. He should launch and vigorously pursue a full enquiry into the activities of the Militant Tendency. Prior to the conclusions of that inquiry he should oppose the endorsement of a parliamentary candidate of Mr Patrick Wall or anyone else from that or similar organizations. He should campaign for greater participation by the membership in the affairs of their constituency parties, including the operation of the principle of one man one vote to which Mr Healey has become a belated supporter. He should openly join with those in the party and especially in the trade unions who are working to secure a moderate majority on the National Executive Committee. He should aggressively defend the Parliamentary Party from all its detractors on the left. He should announce now his total support for Mr Denis Healey as deputy leader and make it clear that if Mr Benn successfully contests for this post next year he will himself resign.

It may be tactless in view of past history to ask Mr Foot to emulate Mr Gaitkell twenty years ago by fighting and fighting again to save the party which he and many British citizens love, or once loved. But it is not too much to suggest that he avoids the role and mantle of Mr Kerenky.

THE TWO BELGIUMS

The Belgium election has served to demonstrate the difficulties the country faces, but does little to solve them. Once again the spotlight is on the differences between those who speak Dutch and those who speak French, aggravated this time by the effects of the recession. So whatever government is eventually formed and the process could take a long time — will have a dual task. It will have not only to take measures to deal with the country's economic troubles, but to try to do so in a way which will not drive the two parts of the country further apart. It was a task which the previous government was unable to accomplish, and it is hard to be confident that its successor will be able to do better.

Belgium's linguistic differences have always been intertwined with questions of economic development. In the last century the French-speaking Walloons in the south of the country were dominant both economically and politically. But since the Second World War their coal-mines and steel mills have been in decline, and

the new industries, many of them foreign-based, have been set up in Dutch-speaking Flanders in the north. Over the past year or two even these new industries have suffered from the harsh economic climate, adding to an already high level of unemployment. And at a time of financial stringency, each side tends to be resentful of the other on the grounds that it is getting more than its fair share from the central government. The last government fell because the Social Christian Party, whose main strength is in Flanders, would not agree to a demand from the Socialists, whose main strength is in Wallonia, for more aid for the steel industry.

In Sunday's election the Liberals did best of the three main parties, winning seats both north and south of the language line. They have proposed a tough "Thatcher-style" approach to public expenditure. They still have fewer seats, however, than either of the other two, and there would be difficulties about a coalition with either of them. An alliance with the Social

Christians would be the more logical politically, but that would put the Socialists in opposition, and they would be likely to give their resistance to government policies a specifically Walloon twist by dwelling on resentment of the Flemish and pressing for greater Walloon autonomy. The French-speaking wing of the Socialist Party has already moved in that direction, and was rewarded by an increase of seats.

In recent years, when times were better than they are now, Belgium has prospered in spite of the instability of its governments. Many Belgians are contemptuous of their politicians and try to conduct their affairs with as little reference as possible to them. There has even been some slow progress on the linguistic issue, with the setting up of regional councils for Flanders and the French-speaking areas which will have funds of their own to spend. But now hard economic decisions do need to be taken, and they are made more difficult by the cross-currents of animosity between the two language groups.

FIRST AND SECOND CLASS SPIES

For the third time in less than two years, Mrs Thatcher has been obliged to make a statement to the Commons about persons named by the press as having been linked with pro-Russian espionage activities during the war and the immediate post-war period. On all three occasions she has in comparison to some of her predecessors, appeared to have provided frank answers, although the suspicion can never totally be erased that the security authorities themselves have kept information back, even from the Prime Minister. In the case of Sir Roger Hollis, her statement was necessary to exonerate him from complicity in espionage after he had been revealed as a suspect. Mr Blunt and Mr Long, in contrast, had confessed to their treasonable acts and Mrs Thatcher's function was that of making public what had been known to a select few for many years.

For all Mrs Thatcher's candour, there are still unanswered questions, unallayed

suspicious, and continuing areas of disquiet. The Prime Minister refused yesterday to comment on other names that have been mentioned in the press over the last few days. No doubt further names will become public in due course. Every new development opens up further leads, and results in new revelations. It is a process that can continue indefinitely.

It is time for the government to consider providing a fuller explanation of the relevant events than it has hitherto done. Piecemeal explanations, however frank, lack a context. Without a context the public cannot judge the scale of penetration of the intelligence services in that period, or get a clear idea of the form it took, or be confident that it is all in the past. It can hardly be thought that disclosing further details of that espionage network then would endanger national security today. This course would not necessarily damp down speculation and journal-

istic investigation; it might well have the opposite effect, but the speculation could at least be set against a less uncertain background.

One area of disquiet which cannot be remedied, though it should be, explained, is the unfortunate fact that the more heinous the spying, the less likely the prosecution. Mr. Blunt, the spy-master, whose treachery to Britain was of the most extreme form, received immunity from prosecution. Mr. Long did not receive formal immunity, but was led to understand that he would not be prosecuted if he confessed. Mimmows, like Mr. Uren, who tells his story on the opposite page, were sent to prison. In 1968, an aircraft technician, Douglas Britten, was sentenced to 21 years imprisonment for passing on relatively unimportant, and almost certainly already known, technical information to the Russians. Mr. Long's loss of his pension and Mr. Blunt's loss of his knighthood seem, by comparison, to offend natural justice.

'Pax Sovietica' an illusion?

From Professor Adam B. Ulam
Sir, Professor Lipson, in his letter printed in your columns on October 28, suggests that the only two practical alternatives facing Britain (and presumably the rest of the West) are Soviet domination and a nuclear war. It is incredible that anyone conversant with the history of the last 36 years should fail to realize that in a communist-dominated world the likelihood of war would be immensely increased, and that Pax Sovietica is a fatal delusion.

Have chances of war between the USSR and China increased or decreased as a consequence of the latter finding itself under communist rule? It is mainly the presence and power of the United States which has kept the antagonism between the two communist states from erupting into an actual, and probably nuclear, war.

"More quickly dead if red" is a much more realistic prospect than "Better red than dead". Yours faithfully, ADAM B. ULAM, Gurney Professor of History and Political Science, Harvard University Russian Research Center, Archibald Cary Coolidge Hall, 1737 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, November 4.

Russian Jews

From Mr Josef Mendelovich
Sir, The October 28 edition of The Times contains an article, with photograph, giving the reasons for my journey to Britain. Unfortunately, my words were so shortened as to give a wrong impression of the content of my journey.

I came here from Israel not only to fight for my close friends, Feodorov and Morzenko, who were with me in the 1970 Russian trials, but also to launch in a Russian concentration camp, but primarily, as I said in my interview, because Russian Jews are in a very serious situation, the like of which has not been known since my friends and I were put on trial 11 years ago.

The exit of Jews from Soviet Russia has virtually ceased. Nine Jewish activists have been arrested in recent months and sent to camps, this being the largest number in a short period since our own Jewish trial in 1970. In addition, the Jewish seminars have been stopped and the teaching of Hebrew prevented, with the teachers threatened with severe punishment.

May I add that in 1970 our struggle was not to leave Soviet Russia for the West, as mentioned in the article, but rather to leave in order to go to Israel? I am, yours faithfully, JOSEF MENDELLOVICH, c/o 741 High Road, Finchley N12, October 29.

Exported plutonium

From Mr F. J. L. Bindon
Sir, I assume your correspondent R. V. Heskestad (October 30) is expressing personal views on this subject, because they cannot be those of the Central Electricity Generating Board. Under succeeding electricity Acts, the generating board's sole task is to provide bulk supplies of electricity safely, with security and at the most economical price.

The CEBG cannot and must not expound views of any political nature. Thus what happens to the irradiated fuel discharged from the commercial reactors is the concern of British Nuclear Fuels Ltd, the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority at Sellafield under Government directive.

I, too, have been a member of the UK commercial nuclear programme since its inception and I have no single doubt that my responsibility is solely to assist as an employee in the generation of electricity, as decreed under the Act.

Wyke, one of the power stations in question, will shortly have generated 50,000 million units. What those units have been used for is not the concern of the electric supply industry. We do not differentiate between supplies for the home or for the factory which may be producing military equipment. Yours faithfully, F. JOHN L. BINDON, Llecyn Braf, Bron-y-Felin, Llandegan, Isle of Anglesey, Gwynedd.

Malaysian displeasure
From Mr Algy Cluff
Sir, The Malaysian Prime Minister, Dr Mahathir (report, October 3), has elected to take offence at what he perceives to be a deliberate and political act on the part of the London Stock Exchange authorities to frustrate his Government's "dawn raids" on companies whose shares are registered in the United Kingdom, but whose assets are in Malaysia. His intention being to renege on those assets to Malaysia. Dr Mahathir has, I believe, misunderstood the Stock Exchange authorities' attitude, which was simply designed to provide protection to the small investor, be he Malaysian or British.

Child death case and moral imperatives

From the Headmaster of Prior Park College

Sir, Anyone with the least familiarity with the distinguished thinkers of our time would hardly be surprised by Professor Ayer's expression (article, November 6) of the difficulty in providing a logical basis for moral imperatives. Indeed, in citing Russell, he might have gone on to repeat Russell's admission that, in the last resort, it was impossible to prove logically that there was any compelling reason for men to behave well at all.

Nor did he refer to some of the less pleasing consequences of leaving men and women entirely free to make up their minds. This, for a man whose lifetime includes the atrocities of Hitler and Stalin and the regimes of President Amin and the Khmer Rouge, not to mention the scandal of our contemporary arms race, is little surprising. These disasters or crimes were not the work of robots but of fellow humans. They were commissioned by men who, like parents or doctors, had the fate of others in their hands.

If there are to be no overriding moral considerations for parents confronted by the problems of parenthood, does it follow that there are likewise no moral restraints on the state when it decides whether it wishes to feed its hungry or support its old? If self-interest is indeed the only criterion then the weak and the deprived had better look out.

That said, I would accept his comment that "one still has to make the independent judgment that what the religious authority in the case enjoins is right". However the implication that this is not a view shared by, say, Catholics is somewhat puzzling. It is after all well over a century since Newman successfully asserted his belief in the ultimate primacy of conscience, nor would any Catholic involved in today's affairs deny that men have sometimes to choose between evils, a point specifically advanced by Archbishop Hurley of Cape Town, and exemplified by Count Stauffenberg's leadership of the 1944 officers' bomb plot.

What frightens me is that, in proportion as today's parents indulge in their benign if rather shallow scepticism, their children grow up devoid of any feeling of obligation whatever. The most common teenage mood is a jocular unembarrassed profession of naked self-interest. I fear that much of the teenage involvement in the nuclear disarmament movement stems less from altruism than from their terror of the holocaust. We seem indeed to be entering a Hobbesian age in which the only cement left for society is the fear of violent death.

I do not know what guidance is to be provided for the next generation by contemporary philosophy and often wonder whether the moral achievements of Professor Ayer is to have made philosophy irrelevant to the serious issues of mankind, but all Christians should recognize the vital importance of teaching moral values to the young of today, whatever the philosophers say. It would be sad if the acquittal of Dr Arthur, at which I was

myself relieved, led only to the further erosion of any concern to establish principles governing the fate of fellow humanity.

Yours faithfully, P. F. TOBIN, Headmaster, Prior Park College, Bath, Avon, November 6.

From Miss Betty Collins
Sir, Having spent several years nursing in a hospital for severely mentally and physically handicapped children I have been appalled at the way in which an eminent doctor such as Dr Leonard Arthur has been treated. I agree with Mr A. J. Ayer's article (November 6) that a doctor who acts in certain circumstances from purely humane motives ought not to be morally or legally condemned.

I think all the "condemners" should spend some time in a hospital, as I have, watching poor little children grotesquely handicapped, most of whom have been rejected by their parents and who would spend each and every day in pain were they not in a constantly drugged stupor; but who are immobile, incontinent, and, in fact, living vegetables; the only bright spot in their day being when friendly nurses offer them some modicum of affection.

Only when one has had this moving experience can one have the right to any sort of judgment of Dr Arthur's situation. Yours faithfully, BETTY COLLINS, Cobden, Common Road, Igham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

From Mr and Mrs Joan Knops
Sir, As the parents of a 21-year-old mongol son we wish to make comment on the recent case of the doctor acquitted of the attempted killing of a three-day-old mongol baby.

The verdict in this case leaves the way open to the killing of other mongol babies. After the first shock, our son, the fourth after three perfectly healthy normal children, has been a joy and inspiration to us. He requires care and protection but he also inspires love and compassion in those who know him. This is common to most mongol children. The parents of the baby in the case did not have time to adjust to the fact that their son was handicapped and maybe had no idea that such a child can be a joy and a blessing. Even if they had, nevertheless, rejected him he had the right to his life, however limited.

Life is God-given and a mongol suffers very little if treated with dignity and compassion and can add to the joy of life in those around him. Our son has contributed to experience of love and tolerance in our family; we would not be without him for anything. We earnestly hope that those parents who have a mongol child will not be influenced by the outcome of this widely publicized case. Yours sincerely, ALAN KNOPS, K. J. KNOPS, Woodlands, Warren Row, Wargrave, Berkshire.

Crimean honours

From Mr Alan Hankinson
Sir, Twice in the past fortnight your paper has repeated the canard that it was the dispatches of William Howard Russell that induced Florence Nightingale to go to Scutari to bring order to the British military hospital. It was not.

Thomas Chenery, a later editor of The Times, was your man in Constantinople in 1854 and it was his reports on conditions at Scutari which brought about the reforms there. Russell was on the other side of the Black Sea at the time, describing the incompetence of the British army commanders on campaign.

Russell was too great a journalist to need credit which is not rightly his, and too honest a man to want it. Fortunately, the record is set straight in a new biography of Russell, written by me, which will be published next year. Yours sincerely, ALAN HANKINSON, 10a Melbourn, Bassenthwaite, Keswick, Cumbria, November 4.

"virtually the entire surviving male population is being carried off in operations aimed at forcing all resistance fighters into the open". By using the emotive words "resistance fighters" he is trying to suggest that there is an opposition force. Nonsense — the people of East Timor are trying to work together to develop the country.

A second implication is that Indonesian troops are incapable of carrying out their own military operations. If this were really the case then Indonesia would have collapsed during the days in which it had to struggle for its independence. Yours sincerely, AGUS TARMIZI, Indonesian Embassy, 38 Grosvenor Square, W1.

Those lost days

From Mr William More
Sir, Like everyone who wants to see a prosperous Britain, I was delighted to read that only 3.2 million days were lost through strikes in the first nine months of this year.

Can I draw your attention to the other record-breaking achievement which seemed to miss the headlines? In the first nine months of this year at least 550 million working days were lost through unemployment. Yours faithfully, WILLIAM S. MORE, Project Director, Job Change Project, Birmingham Settlement, 318 Summer Lane, Newtown, Birmingham.

Mandarin English

From Professor Michael de Havilland
Sir, Dr Burchfield (report, October 22) takes us to task over our standards of English and, so far as I am concerned, as a specialist in linguistics, how right he is when it comes to the department of spoken English.

In China, where I have spent over two years lecturing to teachers and students, many speaking much better English than a great many people in this country, I recorded some 500 Chinese voices speaking English but the gem of this collection is the voice of a five-year-old girl who, in a 60-second, on-the-spot, and totally unrehearsed conversation, speaks with what I can only describe as impeccable BBC English. She was taught by grandparents.

So often Chinese students, who are all deeply concerned with the battle of pronunciation, would ask why it was that they were unable at times to understand what some of their English teachers were saying! And they would remark that their own leaders had exhorted them to set aside dialects and learn Mandarin Chinese, which is spoken by the Pekinese and has been adopted as standard Chinese everywhere, and then ask: "Why don't you learn Mandarin English in your country?"

At the rate they are going (up to 14 hours a day, six days a week), the Chinese will, in less than 20 years, speak better English than a good half of the people in this country and all the people in the rest of the world. Unquestionably. Very truly yours, MICHAEL DE HAVILLAND, (Professor in Linguistics, Shanghai Maritime Transportation University), 12 St Mary's Road, Eastbourne, October 29.

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Last week, the university's Centre for the Study of Public Policy, directed by Professor Richard Rose, announced that the Social Science Research Council is to sponsor a five-year, £288,000 research programme designed to monitor the growth of Britain's "governmental octopus". This is only the latest of numerous research projects—scientific, technological and social—in which Strathclyde is engaged. Here, and on the next page, Ronald Faux interviews the directors of six others.

Monitoring the traffic tangle

Motorists driving through the centre of Glasgow are under unseen surveillance by the Strathclyde University Department of Electronic Science and Telecommunications. One of the contracts secured by the department from the Transport and Road Research Laboratory has been to help ease the traffic flow through the city centre which at rush hour often reaches the transport equivalent of a thrombosis. Dr Colin MacLeod has a computer terminal at one end in his office and a camera on the other, recording the flow of traffic at road junctions throughout the city by micro-processor sensors set into the road.

"The computer analyses the information it receives and operates the lights accordingly to give as smooth a traffic flow as possible. The system treats traffic equitably but avoids heavy delays at certain intersections."

The calculation is that delays are reduced by between 5 per cent and 10 per cent, which in terms of time, friction, fuel and car wear for the whole of the city must represent a significant sum. Other research contracts have been undertaken for the

Post Office, the Ministry of Defence, British National Oil Corporation and the Science and Engineering Research Council. The same signal processing techniques that help Glasgow's traffic to limp along are being used in geophysical analysis to extract information about mineral resources using data supplied by the British Nuclear Oil Corporation. The project is still in its infancy but we are confident of producing a much more effective interpretation of the BNO data than is available now. The same sort of technique has been used successfully to monitor the reactivity of nuclear power stations," he added.

Another important application of the micro processing system that the department is developing is in non-destructive testing. Before it folded up and sank disastrously without warning, the oil platform Alexander Kiel was almost certainly

Dr Colin MacLeod

"The world can't and today because it's already tomorrow in some countries"

emitting a high-pitched warning sound of metal under a dangerous level of stress. The sound would have been undetectable to the human ear but might have been picked up by an acoustic monitor being developed by the department and designed to sound the alarm in good time.

Dr MacLeod admitted there were some problems in the system still to be ironed out but he was confident that an ultrasonic watch of offshore structures that are subjected to the constant destructive thrust of wind, sea and tide will be developed.

At present visual inspection backed up by magnetic particle analysis is the method used to detect a likely collapse but the objective is to preempt the problem long before it can be seen by the human eye and become a catastrophe. The department is shortly to launch what will be known as the Strathclyde Shoe, a device which the diver takes down and uses to inspect any critical "nodes" in the structure.

A project on underwater navigation is also in commission to assist divers operating in the difficult conditions and bad visibility around the submerged legs of an offshore structure. It is concerned with investigation acoustic techniques exactly to locate and navigate divers and diving equipment within the cone of the offshore platform. The most advanced system developed so far has become to fix transponders on the structure and use pect beam sonar systems for location and tracking.

Mr David Morrell, Registrar at Strathclyde, said the university was convinced that Scotland could and must become a world centre of microelectronic research, development and industry, offering a worthwhile future to the ablest young people. He said: "It is an area in which women engineers are expected to have much to contribute and to thrive especially well."

A leg up on the ladder

When the entrepreneurs who founded the wealth of Glasgow first started out, business management relied on common sense and instinct. Those qualities may remain essential but they are now formalized into an academic qualification. The Strathclyde Business School treats its students to rather more executive surroundings than the white-tiled austerity of the main university block. The prime qualification is the MBA (Master of Business Administration) course, which may be taken full or part-time. The school's second sphere is with post-experience programmes for executives in British-based or overseas companies and from public sector corporations. In addition the school helps in the retraining of redundant executives.

Professor Neil Hood, one of three professors at the school, said that about 1,000 post-experience executives went through the courses each year, including many who already held some formidable qualifications in various sectors of business.

The third side to the school's operations was in research and research training where there was close cooperation with both government departments and private business. The two main focuses for research were on pay and rewards and the policies adopted by international business. Of the 150 full-time MBA students, two-thirds come from Britain and the rest from overseas and the regard in which the qualification is held may be measured by the high number who apply for the course and the relative few who are accepted.

"It runs at 20 to one on the full-time course," Professor Hood explained. "A high proportion of students have international experience and are people in mid-career, usually with at least five years' industrial experience behind them." An MBA (Strathclyde) usually proved to be a powerful assistance up the management ladder.

In the near future the business school will be merged with the university's School of Business and Administration, a much larger partner responsible for a general BA degree programme, the BA in Hotel and Catering Management, the LLB degrees and a wide portfolio of specialist postgraduate programmes. The single "enhanced" business school will have nine subject departments, amounting to a formidable teaching resource.

They will be: Accountancy and Finance, Administration, Economics, Industrial Re-



Professor Michael Baker

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lations, Law, Marketing, Office Organization, Operational Research, Scottish Hotel School—and at least three research units. Fraser of Allan Institute for Research on the Scottish Economy, Health Services Operational Research Unit, and the David Livingstone Institute of Overseas Development Studies. Between them, these departments and research units will command the skills and experience of 18 professors, three readers, 30 senior lecturers, 99 lecturers, and 34 research fellows and assistants, and will be responsible for almost 2,000 full time equivalent students.

Teaching and research in business studies are characterized by a high level

of relevance to the wealth-creating sectors of the economy, with more than two-thirds of graduates gaining employment in industry and commerce. To this end Strathclyde has pioneered and developed many innovative courses including, at the undergraduate level, Marketing and Modern Languages, joint degrees in Technology and Business Studies, which have now been copied in several other universities and polytechnics.

At the postgraduate level vocational courses are offered in Careers Guidance, Tourism, Secretarial Studies, Marketing, Personnel Management, together with numerous post-experience courses for practising managers in both the public and private sectors. Noteworthy among these are the police "command courses" run by the Department of Administration, courses for senior managers in Scottish local authorities, and a course in University administration sponsored by the British Council, which attracted "students" from 18 countries.

Professor Michael Baker, head of the Department of Marketing, said the merger would produce the biggest grouping of university departments of its kind in Britain, one of a small number of centres selected by the UGC for substantial growth. The university placed the part-time MBA course and has already turned out more postgraduate business managers than London and Manchester business schools put together.

There is a thread of hard-nosed reality running throughout the courses. "We admit students on academic merit and on a basis of maturity and experience—even though they may lack normal entrance qualifications. Some are frankly rough diamonds but they show they have the ability. Employers are growing to accept that the content of our degree produces business managers better suited to success than perhaps the better rounded, superficially presentable Oxbridge people," Professor Baker declared.

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Professor Alexander Florence, head of the Department of Pharmacology, said there had been difficulties, understandably, with the pressure from the public to have well-publicised so-called "wonder" drugs made widely available particularly for the treatment of cancer.

"People have been most anxious to get these new substances; Interferon is a classic example, but not enough attention has been paid yet to optimising their activity in the body. We are finding in fact that some drugs being used that are positively unsuitable or impure," he said.

An inter-disciplinary group of chemists and clinicians has been set up to monitor and control the attack levels of particular drugs "at the bedside."

On the research side, important strides are being taken at Strathclyde. The Cancer Research Campaign



Prof. Alexander Florence

Some drugs being used are positively unsuitable or impure.

awarded £110,000 between Strathclyde and Glasgow universities over a five-year period to improve both clinical pharmacy and chemotherapy for cancer patients. The joint appointment by the two universities of Dr. James Stuart, a pharmacist and doctor of medicine, is aimed at strengthening the links between the two disciplines in their search both for more effective anti-cancer drugs and preparation of exact dosages delivered to precise areas of the body with minimum side-effects.

Strathclyde has been in the forefront of research into new methods of medication. Professor Neil Graham, head of Chemical Technology, has developed a method of controlling the release rate in the patient's body at pre-determined periods varying from a few hours up to a year or more. The new method is to incorporate the drug in a polymer hydrogel which causes a controlled release of a drug into the patient's system. This extends the active life of a single dose and maintains a steady level of effect, avoiding extreme peaks and troughs.

The Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, after years of research, has recently produced a neuro-muscular anaesthetic the first to reach clinical trial from a small university research group for many years. The drug Atracurium is designed to be broken down rapidly in the body, and the clinical tests allow Professor Florence to claim that it has distinct advantages over existing agents. The Wellcome Foundation has spent £1m on taking the new drug through its pilot stage and the Strathclyde pharmacists expect it will have a successful future.

The challenge offshore

With the long association between Glasgow and shipbuilding it is surprising that the Department of Ship and Marine Technology should have roots that reach back 99 years to the time when the subject was first taught in the former technical college. The department introduced a degree course in 1964 and there are 100 students studying naval architecture and a select number from many parts of the world on the post-graduate courses in marine technology and ship production technology.

The importance of the department has been strengthened by the development of North sea oil resources and the opportunities that have opened up for universities in terms of technical research. Professor Chengli Kuo, head of the department, describes offshore technology as a tremendous challenge which made it even more important to produce graduates not only with the right knowledge but also with the ability to communicate what they know.

"The approach in the past has been to make engineering degree courses 95 per cent technical and the rest was regarded as waffle. Now it is 75 per cent technical and the rest non-technical which is an important balance. Naval architecture had to be wider than the design of ships. How many ships do you design these days?" Professor Kuo asked ruefully.



Professor Chengli Kuo

The broad philosophy... if it floats, we will be involved.

Six departments at Strathclyde, including ship and marine technology, are contributing to the project MASS (Maintenance Activities Subsea Surface) to tackle the problems of underwater maintenance. The university was one of six centres in Britain to receive special support from the Marine Technology Department of the Science and Engineering Research Council to carry out the research and since 1976 has been invested by the Government into marine projects.

Professor Kuo is the coordinator of the research work on Project MASS which involves the Departments of Biology, Civil Engineering, Electronics, Science, and Telecommunications, Marketing, and Metallurgy. Applied Microbiology and Mechanics of Materials are also being drawn into the project.

Strathclyde has a number of other projects connected with the exploitation of primary sources of energy. A teaching commitment to mining can also be traced back 100 years and with sponsorship by the British National Oil Corporation a new Department of Mining and Petroleum Engineering has emerged with more than three-quarters of its students directly sponsored by the industry.

The Department of Applied Geology carries out research on the safe disposal of nuclear waste and on geological hazards connected with nuclear power plants. The Department of Thermodynamics and Fluid Mechanics is a major centre for research into the safety of water-cooled nuclear reactors.

Catching up with microbes

An important strength of the university lies in the technology unit, now one of Britain's leading institutions in this area which may prove as significant to the next decade as the computer chip has been to this. The philosophy has been to link biotechnology with other disciplines with biochemists, microbiologists and chemical engineers joining forces. Earlier this year the university founded Monotech, a company owned by Coats Patons, which carries research work on to a commercial scale.

Professor John E. Smith, head of the department of applied microbiology, pointed out that what was now a formalised science had been carried on for years at Strathclyde under other names such as fermentation technology, but there had been a great deal of excitement ever since the full potential of combining pure bioscience with applied bioscience had been appreciated.

Britain fell sadly short of the American effort in this area of harnessing microbes for practical purposes and more than a hundred companies had been established to exploit genetic engineering. "The old story is repeating itself. The innovation and early experimentation has been here in Britain but the commercial development will take place abroad. We are training bright young people; some will go into British industry, only a few can be kept in the university sphere but a considerable number will be forced to emigrate."

Biotechnology is a massive sophistication of the ancient arts of the brewer and distiller who harness organisms to manufacture a product. The important areas for development include medicine and a whole range of compounds that provide greater control over disease, particularly viral infections.

Strathclyde is trying hard to impress the importance of



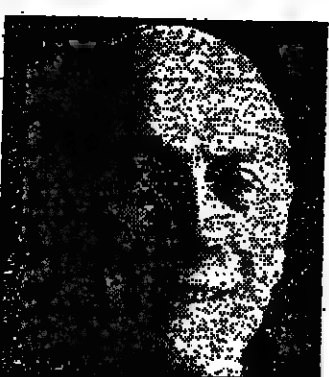
Professor John Smith

A repeat of the story of the micro-chip - Britain is losing out.

the subject, but the Government has been slow to respond, even though in Europe there is a swift awareness of the implications of the subject. The annual Strathclyde course in fungal biotechnology for industry alone attracts two-thirds of its students from Europe. The university offers a special course in business studies in biotechnology, unique in Bri-

tain, since it produces a business studies graduate with a considerable awareness of both bio and engineering technologies.

Another Scottish coup lies in the research into the problems created by filling up holes in the ground with rubbish. Professor Smith explained: "It is possible to treat these holes and create the conditions that will produce methane gas. Simply expressed it is the technique of placing a gas holder over the local refuse dump so that anaerobic fermentation, which takes place in the absence of oxygen, can produce a product that can be used for local heating schemes."



Professor James Harvey

The lead-in time between 'Eureka' and arrival is always longer than one thinks.

From sauce to manhole covers

Soy sauce for the Orient might seem a close second to coals for Newcastle as an example of a market that is thoroughly saturated, yet Strathclyde's Centre for Industrial Innovation ranks its sauce project as a good example of how the university is transforming theory into hard business practice. With an £88,000 Wolfson grant, the centre has used research by the Department of Applied Microbiology into the nature of soy sauce, and reduced the production process from the traditional time of up to three years to about six weeks.

The commercial implications are promising. Production of soy sauce and the related miso is second only to alcohol in the world league of commercial fermentations. The Japanese produce 1,400,000 tonnes of soy sauce a year and beyond that one item lies a 'broad range' of

fermented products to which the Strathclyde techniques can be adapted.

Professor James M. Harvey, head of the Department of Mechanics of Materials and deputy principal said the university had taken a lot of the initiative in encouraging industry to develop many innovations. The CII had to earn its living and at the start of 1981, the university had secured £8m in research and development sponsorship, a 32 per cent increase on the previous year.

"There is a whole range of practical services rendered to industry by the university; advice on manhole covers for the GPO and on the design of containers for the whisky industry, and a colossal list of other examples of consultancy work," Professor Harvey said.

The centre was opened in 1968 with government funding for three years, since when it has relied on its own resources

to earn a living. The vastly different investment philosophy in America is daunting for practically-minded academics on this side of the Atlantic who compare such enterprises as the "Research Triangle" in North Carolina, which pours out ideas to translate into commercial viability, with the Science Park in Glasgow which remains an empty space and a good idea in search of funds.

"The development cannot be done overnight. The lead-in time between the inventor crying out 'Eureka' and the arrival of something at the end of a production line is always longer than anyone thinks", Professor Harvey added.

Inevitably in a university with such a strong scientific bias, the graduates will be practical people. "That should not be looked down upon. It is vital for the future wealth creation of the country that the knowledge acquired here should be applied in a practical way", the professor said.

Strathclyde was one of the first universities to run a sandwich course, although the definition has now changed so that what was "sandwich" no longer ranks as such. The essential element of allowing students to learn from outside industry remains, however, and this process has even become two-way. The "Teaching Companies Scheme" involves post-graduates working part-time in industry and the rest of the time in the university on projects of benefit to the company and the student's understanding. The Science and Engineering Research Council funds the scheme as an effort to improve the mutual exchange between industry and the university.

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Dr J. J. Hill
Managing Director Manufacturing Research

Ronald Faux writes on the legacies; Charles McKean on the future

Cutbacks and a return to the Curran concept

Strathclyde has emerged from scrutiny by the University Grants Committee less bruised than many other centres of learning. The proposal is that there should be a reduction of 250 students, 200 from the arts and social sciences and 50 from science and technology. This represents a paradoxical change in the university which the first principal, Dr Sam Curran, might have welcomed. When Strathclyde was founded in 1964 from the Royal College of Science and Technology, Dr Curran (now Sir Samuel Curran) pressed for a university that was entirely devoted to science and technology.

The UGC refused this concept, insisting that a university establishment, even one so scientifically inclined as Strathclyde, should offer a broad range of courses. The new principal, Dr Graham Hills, reflects wryly on this return towards the broad front held by Curran and before him by John Anderson, whose Institute, opened in 1796, was the university's foundation stone.

The financial cutback, over which there is no choice, means that the present grant of £17.1m will be reduced in 1983-84 to £14.69m. The university has 5,500 undergraduates, 900 post-graduates, 750 academic staff and some hard decisions to make about how the economics should be achieved without disrupting too severely the important commitments already undertaken. The administration has been perplexed by some of the recommendations made by the UGC, particularly the suggestion that business studies should be increased and management studies reduced.

One university official said: "That is rather like insisting that the car engine should be increased and that a smaller driver's seat should be fitted. There are large areas of ambiguity in the UGC's recommendations."

Professor Alexander Florence, head of pharmacy, complained about a lack of balance in the UGC so far as his own department was concerned. "Because Britain produces only 1,000 graduates a year and the medical schools turn out many more than that, we are up against an enormous power group. Even though the pharmaceutical industry is the most

successful in Britain and health care is of increasing importance because people are living longer, the sciences allied to medicine and pharmacy have been singled out for the most savage treatment.

This is in spite of the record of full employment for graduates and the fact that we have 800 applications for 70 places each year. The UGC ordered an arbitrary increase in areas that are still trying to get new students. The cuts and the way they have been designed have raised grave doubts among university staff about the value of a grants committee that is so closely fettered to central government.

Dr Graham Hills, the Principal of Strathclyde, strongly resists this development and believes it is essential to restore the independence of the UGC. "Central government is not well informed and has a poor record in planning of all kinds. The Establishment is, by definition, incapable of sustained innovation. Autonomous bodies are better able to provide for their own future and universities should at once seek to strengthen their independence and that of the UGC."

They could only do this by attaining greater financial independence. It was proposed that by stages universities achieved that independence so that they might better serve the country. It was just possible, said Dr Hills, that in applying the present Government's logic to our own affairs, universities might be encouraged to do so but it was doubtful whether any government would readily agree to greater independence of the UGC. At worst, they should be able to enter discussions with government on different terms than those of a supplicant.

The first step towards greater independence would be to indicate to government an intention to charge fully economic fees to all students, home and overseas. Such fees would cover all recurrent expenditure. Since all home students registered at British universities were entitled to mandatory awards to cover agreed fees, irrespective of parental income, the immediate burden of university costs would be transferred to the local authorities (or the



Students cluster at the foot of a statue of James Watt in the Royal College building. Watt was a close friend of John Anderson, founder of the university, and is believed to have collaborated with him in the development of the steam engine.

Scottish Education Department) who would immediately, via the Rate Support Grant, transfer the same cost to the Treasury.

It would be a book transaction but it would eliminate one unnecessary link in the present chain of direction, namely the Department of Education and Science. The discrimination against overseas students would fall away and it would be open to universities to admit the needy and the deserving home or overseas student at the deemed marginal cost or less.

The principal role of the UGC would be to oversee these arrangements and to levy universities for such centrally distributed funds as for new buildings, minor works and other non-recurrent items. "The 'new' UGC would, therefore, continue to perform its present functions of overseeing the system and handing down informed opinion and recommendations. It might seek to establish agreed student numbers and to settle unseemly competition. The total student quota would be subject to negotiation with the

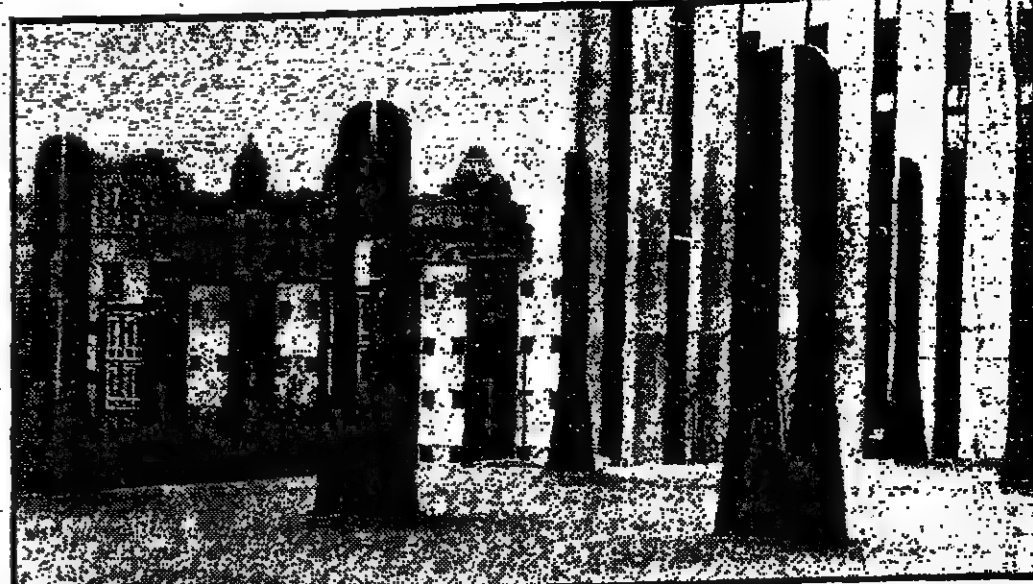
DES or any other government body responsible for the financing of students through mandatory grants. Clearly, agreement would be required as to the total level of financial provision if that continues to come from central government funds", Dr Hills declared.

The Government should not be resisted if it preferred to impose a negotiated cash limit. Any shortfall below the estimated cost of maintaining an agreed student population would be met by supplementary fees, to be charged by individual universities to individual students according to local needs and possibly differing from subject to subject. The supplementary fees would initially be small and might, where necessary, be loan-financed along Swedish lines.

"It is unlikely that the Government would be eased cheerfully even along this path and it might well suggest equally acceptable alternatives", he added. A second stage might be to introduce a new scheme of shared responsibility which would guarantee an increased measure of independence for the UGC.

If the Government resisted that, universities would need to consider total independence, charging economic fees and expecting government to provide loans to students and tax allowances to parents so that student demand could be met.

Dr Hills thought it might be argued that universities did not deserve a separate, independent and possibly privileged status. "It has been argued persuasively that they have failed the system and brought their fate upon themselves. That is certainly widely believed and is a reason why greater independence should only be sought within a framework of greater opportunities for the student population of this country", he said. It should be remembered also that no medical practitioner, few lawyers and few other professional people could take their place in society without a university's imprimatur. "If we have not that degree of confidence in ourselves as a semi-independent estate of the Realm, then we might as well become resigned to be civil servants".



The stones of Callanish, a notable feature of the university campus. Sculpted in steel by Gerald Laing, they were inspired by megalithic stones near Stornoway and are popularly known as Steelhenge.

Let the plumbers plumb

One legacy from the days when Strathclyde was the Royal College of Science and Technology is the nickname given to its school of architecture by the other schools: the plumbers. The other schools, with longer artistic pedigrees, looked patronisingly at Strathclyde's involvement with building science, with advanced techniques, and with computers. "Let the plumbers plumb," they seemed to say, "and leave the design to us."

Perhaps as a result, the department explored and developed areas untouched by the more traditional establishments. One notable example of such innovation was the impetus to rehabilitate Glasgow tenement buildings at a time when the official policy was to knock them all down. That impetus derived, originally, from technical work by Peter Robinson, followed by further development and practical research by Raymond Young in Govan, both whilst students.

The department built on that success by establishing a teaching architectural practice based in a community shop in Govan. The practice was called Assist. In its nine

years of operation, under the leadership of Jim Johnston, who is still a Strathclyde tutor, Assist has continued to develop its work in tenement rehabilitation, its university base giving it an opportunity to fuse the requirements of research with those of practicality.

However, the session 1980-1981 — for no particular reason — has also shown that the "plumbers" title no longer holds good: indeed, it became a kind of *annus mirabilis* for the department. For the first time, the same architectural school won both the Urban Design Prize and the Building Design Prize from the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Furthermore, one student — David Page — was joint winner of the Rowand Anderson silver medal, a prize awarded by the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, for the best student of the year throughout the country. In addition, a team consisting of David Page, James Nicholl and Brian Park were awarded the Kenzo Tange prize at the International Union of Architects conference earlier this year in Warsaw. They were also

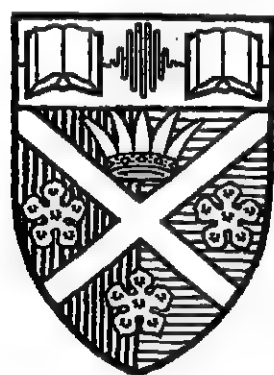
judged to be one of the most outstanding of 300 entries.

Their entry was the only one so honoured from the United Kingdom. On their return to Britain, they discovered that they had also been awarded the third prize in a "Design for Energy Management" competition organized by the British Gas Corporation.

Clearly, it was an exceptional year for the department and one which should put Britain's 37 other schools of architecture on their mettle. It is also the case that the majority of the above prizes were awarded for just two schemes: a detailed and thorough examination of the Kite area in Cambridge, and proposals for its upgrading.

The scheme was exhibited in Cambridge and has aroused considerable interest. The other is a scheme for the revitalization of Robert Owens' famous milltown of New Lanark.

Excellent as both schemes are, neither needed to tackle, nor did they, the problem of pure design untrammelled by existing buildings or historic environments. Perhaps that will be the only opportunity open to architects in future.



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Professor warns of jobless increase

By Frances Williams
Sustained economic recovery is impossible if the Government continues its present policies, Professor Wynne Godley, prominent critic of the Government's monetarist economic strategy, claimed yesterday.



Professor Godley: policy change is needed.

Without making a U-turn and abandoning restrictive policies, any upturn in activity over the coming year would soon peter out, giving way to continued stagnation and further big increases in unemployment, he predicted.

But Professor Godley, who was addressing a conference on the outlook for the British economy organized by James Capel and Company, the City stockbroking firm, was also deeply pessimistic about the likely effects of any U-turn.

He confessed to slight contempt for the growing consensus in favour of a 5,000m to 6,000m reallocation stimulus, now being urged on the Government by prominent "wets" in the Conservative Party, by the Confederation of British Industry and by a number of university economists.

This stimulus was not enough to reverse the rising unemployment trend, And Professor Godley claimed that without exchange controls, a U-turn would prompt a fresh sterling crisis and worsen inflation before it had time to work through into output.

Refusal sufficient to start bringing down unemployment would not to produce growth of between 3 and 4 per cent over at least two years. On present trends, this would produce an enormous balance of payments deficit of 19,000m to 21,000m.

'Buzby Bond' issue opposed by Treasury

By Bill Johnston, Electronics Correspondent

Government ministers are questioning the cost of issuing a bond to raise money in the private market for British Telecom. They fear that this will prove more expensive than the sale of orthodox Government stock.

The Treasury, troubled by the low price the Government received for Cable & Wireless shares last week, believes there is no justification for a bond issue and points out that British Telecom with a Government guarantee behind it is assured of its position in the lucrative United Kingdom market. There is no reason for financial institutions to press for profits which could only be justified if the proposed bond involved significant risk, it argues.

The Department of Industry, however, defending the issue of such a performance-related bond, nicknamed the "Buzby Bond", and expected to raise between £100m and £150m for British Telecom's investment programme.

The issue has been raised again after indications last week that the Treasury and the Department of Industry had reached agreement on the bond issue but still had a few details to thrash out.

Further pressure has been placed on the bond issue by the financial institutions, who are demanding a 4 per cent real rate of return on the investment, after allowing for inflation.

Bank rate cut boosts shares by £2,000m

By Michael Clark and Frances Williams

The latest reduction in bank base rates to 15 per cent prompted a sharp increase in share prices on an already confident stock market yesterday.

The FT Index of 30 leading shares leapt back through the 500 barrier to close 15.4 up at 510.9. This was the biggest single day's rise since September 29 when the market rebounded following the previous day's investors' move.

It was estimated that by the close of business last night an extra £2,377m had been added to market values.

In equities, much of the interest focused on leading industrial shares with double figure rises among many blue chips including ICI, 10p to 285p; Unilever, 20p to 64p; Hawker Siddeley, 10p to 32p; and Becton, 12p to 22p.

Many dealers confessed that the latest surge in buying had caught many of them on the hop so soon after Friday's launch of Cable & Wireless which had tied up a great deal of investors' money.

Stock shortages continue to play a part in many of the rises and said to give a slightly exaggerated look.

But confidence remains high and presents a startling contrast to the situation in September when the index plummeted to 457.5 and fears of spiralling inflation reigned.

Yesterday's rise was not confined to equities. Gilts also produced some fairly hefty gains with the Government Bond selling the remaining £700m of top Exchequer 15 per cent 1985 at 22 1/2. In long dated stocks prices rose by 1/2 to 1 1/2 with shorts closing around 1/2 higher.

Ranks hit back in dawn raid on British Sugar

By Our Financial Staff

Ranks Hovis McDougall, the Mothers Pride and Hovis bakery group, yesterday launched a dramatic successful dawn raid on the shares of British Sugar less than a week after the corporation itself had bought a stake in the bakery group through a similar market raid.

The move, the first counter raid of its type against a possible bidder, was regarded by the stock market as a brilliantly executed defensive manoeuvre against British Sugar which last year bent off an unwanted takeover bid by S & W Berisford, the international commodity trading group which was left holding just over 40 per cent of British Sugar.

Yesterday, the bakery group purchased 6.3 million British Sugar shares at 385p each, representing 10.5 per cent of the equity. The total cost was £24.4m.

The operation, conducted by Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, and Cazenove, the stockbrokers, took 20 minutes to execute against a normal eight minutes for most dawn raids.

In a statement, the bakery group said: "The board believes that it is appropriate in the present circumstances for RHM to take this strategic stake in British Sugar."

When British Sugar bought 14.7 per cent of RHM for £27.6m last Tuesday, Mr John Beckett, its chief executive, said that now was the time for British Sugar to acquire a significant strategic stake in a company with a similar background.

The bakery group, whose chairman and managing director since February 1981 has been Mr Peter Reynolds and Mr Stanley Metcalfe, also announced yesterday that pre-tax profits for the year to September 5 would be about £13.5m, a rise of £3.2m on the previous year.

The stock market was going for figures around £38.23m and this type of rise in profits, which will be formally announced on November 24 was taken to indicate the effect the new management team is having upon RHM.

Japanese move to end trade friction

By Peter Hill, Industrial Editor

Efforts to reduce the growing trade imbalance between Britain and Japan are to be made over the next few months through encouragement of greater collaboration between industries of the two countries.

Senior officials of the Department of Industry have been asked by Japanese Government agencies in Britain for advice on seminars with the Japan External Trade Organisation (Jetro) in planning for the United Kingdom over the next few months.

This approach follows the recent visit to Britain of a high level delegation from the Japanese Federation of Economic Organizations which was despatched to European capitals by the Tokyo Government to counter the growing mood for protectionism in Europe.

Jetro is keen to identify United Kingdom companies interested in some form of twinning with a Japanese company.

The Japanese moves are not likely to lead to any marked reduction in demands from hard-pressed British industries for the Japanese to open up their market more extensively to imports.

Leaders of the Confederation of British Industry have been heading the campaign for the Government to adopt a much tougher approach to Japan's "laser beam" exporting strategy.

But the Japanese have launched a counter-offensive through the Anglo-Japanese Economic Institute underlining the job creation aspects of the Japanese export offensive. The institute claims that around 30,000 jobs in the United Kingdom are being provided by companies importing Japanese cars.

The institute's survey was based on returns from companies including Datsun (United Kingdom), the biggest exporter of cars to Britain, which operates 450 dealerships throughout the country. The survey estimated that total employment based on Datsun activities in the United Kingdom including cars sales, servicing and repair operation was between 18,000 and 20,000.

Bristow decides to scrap Wessex helicopter fleet

underneath the quicksand where it crashed, 12 miles off the Norfolk coast.

According to the Department of Trade, which is carrying out the investigation, salvage is impossible unless the sand shifts again.

Westland Helicopters said yesterday that Bristow was the only Wessex operator to have grounded its aircraft. About 200 Wessex have been sold.

The Royal Air Force, with 50 Wessex, including those of the Queen's Flight, are still operating. A spokesman said: "It is an extremely safe, tried and proven aircraft. None of the RAF's Wessex have crashed because of mechanical failure."

The resumed inquest on those who died is due to reopen later this month.

Rule waived in BTR bid for Serck

By Margaret Pagan

The City Takeover Panel is allowing BTR, the engineering group, to waive one of the conditions of its £25m offer for Serck after the bid's reference to the Monopolies Commission.

After weekend talks between all parties, the panel said yesterday that it will permit the unprecedented waiving of Rule 9(1) of the City Code which requires an offer to lapse until the Commission's conclusion is known.

The Panel said that it had made the concession because BTR already has statutory control of Serck with 50.2 per cent of the shares, and imposed the condition that shareholders could withdraw acceptance up to November 24 if they so wish.

On Friday the Department of Trade announced its decision to refer the bid. This prompted both Serck and BTR to seek talks with the panel. But Mr John Hignett, the panel's director general, said last night: "This was a particular case and I see it of limited significance to future takeovers. BTR already had control and it was a recommended bid. If the Commission does want BTR to diversify they will probably ask them to sell off parts of the company."

Credit sales puzzle

There was a big jump in credit sales in September, fuelled by a rise in lending by finance houses. New credit extended was £706m, with the finance houses lending a record £455m. The figures add another puzzle to the interpretation of what is happening to the economy.

Bank lending has been growing fast and most analysts had thought that this was at the expense of the finance houses.

Revised estimates for retail sales in September show that they were slightly down on August. Table, page 19

State industry chiefs seek salaries review

By Our Industrial Editor

State industry chairmen are seeking an early meeting with Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to discuss their anxiety over the erosion of top salaries in nationalized industry.

Under the new regime established last year by the Prime Minister for setting the salaries of state industry chairmen and board members, increases are geared to managerial and market conditions. Discussions on the appropriate level of increases were to be settled between the boards and the various sponsoring ministers with the Civil Service.

Until last year, state industry salaries were subject to review and recommendations by the Top Salaries Review Body under the chairmanship of the Lord Boyle. Successive governments, however, modified recommended

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors have declared, in respect of the year ending 31st January, 1982, and payable on 9th December, 1981 to Stockholders on the Register at that time, an Interim Dividend of Singapore 4.5 cents per share less Malaysian income tax (previous year 4.5 Singapore cents).

NOTE: ALSO GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 30th November, 1981 to 9th December, 1981 both dates inclusive, for the preparation of dividend warrants.

INTERIM STATEMENT

The unaudited results of the Group and of the Company for the periods indicated below were as follows:

	The Group		The Company	
	Six months ended 31 July	Six months ended 31 July	Six months ended 31 July	Six months ended 31 July
Turnover	1981 \$352,700	1980 \$166,800	1981 \$352,700	1980 \$166,800
Profit before taxation	11,727	11,878	10,721	9,055
Taxation	(4,952)	(5,746)	(3,459)	(3,115)
Profit after taxation	6,775	6,130	7,262	5,940
Minority interests	(498)	150	—	—
Profit before extraordinary items	6,277	6,280	7,262	5,940
Extraordinary items	622	1,734	(546)	(271)
Profit attributable to stockholders	6,899	8,014	6,716	5,669

The period to 31st July, 1981 included the results of the Food-Land Group which made a satisfactory contribution to profits and largely accounted for the substantial increase in turnover. Profit margins on our manufacturing activities in Singapore and Malaysia were adversely affected as a result of competition and there was an escalation in financing costs during the period. Exchange rate movements also had an adverse effect on the half-year's results.

On the assumption that current conditions remain unchanged, it is unlikely that the profits for the full year will be materially different from the previous year's level.

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J. D. R.
Secretary

Stock Markets

FT Index 510.9 up 16.4
FT Gilts 62.89 up 0.80
FT All Share 306.11 up 6.37
Bargains 22,571

Sterling

\$ 1.8925 up 1.50 cents
Index 89.3 up 0.1
New York: \$1.8865

Dollar

Index 106.7 down 0.8
DM 2.2090 down 130 pts

Gold

\$ 429.50 up \$1.50
New York: \$420.60

Money

3 mth sterling 1444-1413
3 mth Euro \$ 134-134
6 mth Euro \$ 134-134

PRICE CHANGES

Rises

Asi Brit Food	13p to 15p
Brit Sugar	40p to 35p
BTR	16p to 34p
Barclays Bk	14p to 44p
BICC	14p to 27p
BSIC	24p to 29p
Equity & Law	15p to 37p
Husky Oil	37p to 61p
Lasmo	13p to 48p
Lucas Ind	24p to 38p
Plessey	21p to 34p
Polly Peck	23p to 38p
Racal Elect	18p to 41p
Unilever	30p to 64p

Falls

Amal Metal	45p to 57p
Barlow Rand	20p to 42p
Bk of Ireland	10p to 38p
Brit Invest	8p to 17p
Coast Patons	51p to 31p
Dalgety	3p to 28p
Chatterfield	5p to 38p
Gas & Oil Acce	5p to 46p
Grosvet	5p to 12p
P & O	4p to 30p
Rose Hill Prop	5p to 45p
Scotmid	5p to 45p
Taylor Woodrow	5p to 45p
TSI Therm Synd	5p to 8p
Western Mins	7p to 25p

BUSINESS BRIEFING



Telecom's underwater weapon

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Lucas strike crumbling

Union solidarity in the three-week strike at Lucas Aerospace factories in Birmingham appears to be crumbling.

Members of TASS, the white collar section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, ignored official advice and went back to work yesterday. Today members of the Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staffs (APEX) will almost certainly follow their example.

That leaves the two big manual unions—the Transport and General Workers and the AUEW—to continue a strike in which they have only a minority interest. Nearly two-thirds of the 80 storekeepers at the centre of the dispute belong to APEX. The trouble began when Lucas threatened to dismiss 80 for refusing to operate visual display units.

USM's FIRST BIRTHDAY

The unlisted securities market celebrates its first anniversary today.

In that time, 72 companies have entered the market with more expected before the end of the year. Many companies presently trading on the London Stock Exchange under rule 162 (2a) are seeking quotation. City opinion judges its first year a success, though doubt remains as to whether the USM has fully achieved one of its main aims—provision of finance for new products.

Settlements link-up

A scheme to provide cheaper and speedier settlement of international securities transactions is being started through a link-up between Cedel, the Luxembourg-based international clearing system and the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (Swift).

Swift is a non-profit making organization with 900 bank members providing an international electronic processing network. This network will become available to Cedel participants and Swift's members will also be able to use Cedel's clearing facilities.

National Westminster Bank Limited

NatWest announces that with effect from Monday, 9th November, 1981, its Base Rate is reduced from 15 1/2% to 15% per annum. The basic Deposit and Savings Account rates are reduced from 14% to 13% per annum.

Oil flow recovery saves Nigerian development

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Big cutbacks once feared in Nigeria's fourth development plan, shortly to be announced for 1981-85, are now unlikely to happen because of a recovery in the country's oil production. There was a fall in production earlier this year but this month oil is flowing at the rate of 1.3 million barrels a day with hopes, of reaching 1.5 million barrels by the year's end.

This was reported in London yesterday by a just-retired trade mission led by Mr Peter Rees, Minister of Trade, and Mr Adam Thomson, chairman of British Caledonian Airways. Infrastructure development involving many big construction projects is expected to be a feature of the new plan, with particular emphasis on agriculture, Mr Rees said. There were proposals for rail, port and power developments and the possibility of developing coal reserves was being considered.

Originally the plan had been made on the basis of Nigeria producing 2 million barrels daily of oil at \$36 a barrel but the latest Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries price move brings that to \$37. Although this saves the structure of the plan it is still possible there might be some repaving, taking some parts of the plan beyond 1985.

During talks in Lagos Mr Rees discussed a number of defence projects. Some he described as imminent although no contracts had been signed. When Mr Rees told ministers of some British companies' anxieties over prompt payment in Lagos, the Nigerians offered to look into any specific cases where payment was a problem. There were also promises of increased administrative action to curb the growth of trade in counterfeit goods which has been worrying British companies such as Perado.

Fares war causes loss at British Caledonian

By Michael Bailey

British Caledonian, Britain's leading independent airline, has followed British Airways into deficit as a result of price cutting, particularly on the transatlantic route. But Sir Peter Masefield, the deputy chairman, said that that would not stop the group introducing an expansion programme in hotels, leisure, and new scheduled routes. Sir Peter would not disclose the amount of the loss, but it is believed to be less than £5m compared with a £7m profit last year and a £140m loss by British Airways.

Mr Alastair Pugh, the group's managing director said that the main cause of



Sir Peter Masefield: seeking a sensible fares structure

the loss was "revenue dilution" through fares that failed to cover inflated fuel and other costs.

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Unilever chief calls for technology strategy

By Peter Hill, Industrial Editor



Sir David Orr: France had better system

Development of a selective industrial strategy geared to the promotion of high technology ventures was urged on the Government last night by a senior British industrialist.

Sir David Orr, chairman of Unilever, told the Royal Society of Arts that the development of new technologies had to be treated as an opportunity rather than a threat, and that, he said, would require a strategy.

Although the present Government has eschewed Labour's industrial strategy, placing the main emphasis of its approach on the creation and encouragement of an environment in which businesses could flourish, Sir David emphasized the importance which Britain's competitors attach to nurturing the industries of the future.

Delivering the Freeman Wood lecture he said: "The strategy should concentrate on a limited number of areas. Where the market functions adequately, where finance is available and the decisions of individual firms coincide well enough with the public interest, there need be no government interference. This would cover most of the economy."

Stressing the need for cooperation between industry, trades unions and the Government, he said that there had

to be some sort of agreement on goals and a clear sense of direction.

The blueprint, Sir David said, should begin with identification of areas of promise followed by educational reforms to provide the skilled people which the new industries would require. That should be supported by necessary research and development and some system of support for those cases where investment was too big and the risk too great for a single company.

Sir David said that Britain's

industrial strategy should confine itself to the identification of main areas of advance and change, and to deciding which of them the country wished to be among the leaders. Moves made by the Department of Industry in promoting information technology and the creation of the British Technology Group were useful steps, but what was being done was still fragmented and not sufficiently integrated to form a strategy.

France's approach, he suggested, could be used as the model for Britain. Fundamental to the French system was a recognition that individual firms, even individual products were the likely winners and not whole industries.

But Sir David emphasised the role which cooperation between management and workforce must play in the development of any limited industrial strategy, especially in limiting the number of unofficial strikes. He called for full consultation with workers in exchange for the certainty that nobody would strike except as a last resort and suggested that the time was ripe for serious talks between the Confederation of British Industry and the TUC, and between individual companies and their unions.

IN BRIEF

Paribas: authorities investigate

Paris, Nov. 9. — Judicial Authorities opened a formal investigation of former Paribas President M. Pierre Moussa, and four colleagues today, in connection with the alleged transfer of 180m Francs (£17.3m) into Switzerland.

M. Moussa was a key figure in a controversy between the Paribas Bank and the government over the financial institution's loss of its Swiss and Belgian subsidiaries last month. He later resigned.

Besides the five bank executives, 35 clients are also being investigated. — Agence France Presse.

Airline shares sale

□ The Japanese Government is to sell 5 per cent of its holdings in Japan Airlines to help reduce the national debt. The Finance Ministry said yesterday. It expects to raise about \$27m through the sale to investors of 2.5 million shares, reducing the government's stake in the airline to about 35 per cent.

Oil accord scrapped

□ The new Greek Government will not ratify a tentative accord with the Royal Dutch/Shell Group for an oil exploration and development concession in the Thessaloniki Gulf of the North Aegean Sea.

Japan protest

□ Fujitsu has claimed that the rejection of its low bid to supply an advanced communications system to American Telephone & Telegraph has violated an 11-month-old United States-Japan agreement intended to open competition on such contracts to foreign companies.

Budget deficit

□ France's budget deficit totalled Fr106,900m at the end of September compared with Fr50,300m (£4,745m) at the same time last year, the economy ministry said. The shortfall for the whole of the year is estimated at Fr70,000m.

Five in steel deal

□ Two West German and five Japanese firms will share a 2,000m kroner (£172m) to deliver 400,000 tonnes of steel tubes to Statpipe, Norwegian state oil company, Statoil said yesterday. The companies are Mannesmann Roehrenwerke, Bergrohr, Nippon Kokan, Mitsubishi, Nippon Steel, Sumitomo and Kawasaki Steel.

The Royal Bank of Scotland

INTEREST RATES

The Royal Bank of Scotland Limited announces that with effect from 9th November 1981 its Base Rate for lending is being decreased from 15½ per cent per annum to 15 per cent per annum.

As from 9th November 1981 the rate of interest on Investment Accounts will be decreased to 13½ per cent per annum for quarterly paid interest and 13½ per cent per annum for monthly paid interest. The maximum rate of interest allowed on Deposits lodged for a minimum period of seven days or subject to seven days' notice of withdrawal at the London Offices of the Bank will be decreased to 13 per cent per annum.

ICI talks on property break down

By Baron Phillips

Negotiations between Heron Corporation, the property group, and ICI for the sale of ICI's two office buildings in London have broken down.

Heron is understood to have approached ICI some months ago and made an unsolicited offer of £50m for two of the buildings making up ICI's Millbank centre on the Thames Embankment. The two buildings are not now occupied by the chemicals group.

No official reason has been given for the breakdown of discussions.

Known as Thames House North and Thames House South the two blocks were built in the early 1930s but ICI has owned them only since 1979 when it bought the freehold interest from the Prudential.

Tenants of the blocks include the Departments of the Environment and Energy, and National Westminster. Although ICI's advisors, King & Company, have not released details of rent, it is believed the initial yield on the deal would have been about 5 per cent.

If the deal had been successful, it would have represented one of the largest property transactions concluded this year.

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Engineering changes delayed

By Business News Staff

A decision on ceding of the main responsibilities of the Council of Engineering Institutions to the Government's new Engineering Council was probably two years away, Mr Denis Wood, the CCI's executive secretary, said yesterday.

This was because his organization have to see how the new council worked in practice and what its detailed planning was for operations after its first three years. A CCI decision would then be possible on issues such as

handing over its scheme for registration of individual engineers and transferring the power to award the title of Chartered Engineer.

The new council was unlikely to have set out its by-laws before the end of two years, Mr Wood said. "The two years is simply an estimate of the amount of work that will have to be got through by the new council and is certainly not a question of CCI trying to extend its own life."

The new council's by-laws would be crucial to the CCI's decision on its future role. It was anxious that existing criteria for the awarding of the title Chartered Engineer should not be downgraded under the new council because the interests of some 200,000 existing engineers had to be safeguarded.

Standards under the new council should be at least as high but if they were made higher that would be all to the good.

Business appointments

US directors for Midland

Mr Thomas R. Wilcox, chairman of Crocker National Corporation, and Mr John B. M. Place, chairman and chief executive of Crocker National Bank, have joined the board of Midland Bank.

Dr Gerald Owen will join the Board group as planning director on January 4.

He will be on the board of Burmah Oil Trading, and a member of the Burmah group management committee.

Mr B. A. Jeffcott becomes works director and Mr W. Horgan technical director of Metering Pumps.

Mr W. H. Whitehouse has been appointed director of

signal and telecommunications engineering at British Rail. He succeeds Mr A. A. Cardani who is retiring.

Mr Raymond B. Haw has joined the board of William Moss Property Development.

Mr Douglas Manson is the new finance director of Fiat Auto (UK).

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Ranks Hovis bites back

It is check but not quite mate for British Sugar Corporation, BSC, attempting to avoid the predatory advances of S & W Berisford, took nearly 15 per cent of Ranks Hovis McDougall in a dawn raid last week and made strong noises about diversifying. But it can hardly have expected the somnolent RHM to play it at its own game.

The mathematics of the situation make it virtually impossible now for BSC to go ahead with its plans for acquiring RHM. Berisford has just over 40 per cent of BSC and the dawn raid yielded RHM another 10.5 per cent. If BSC is to take over RHM, it has to call a shareholders' meeting to gain their approval. With 51 per cent of its shares in unfriendly hands, BSC is hardly likely to attempt that road.

RHM's purchase can probably be justified as a useful investment. BSC is about to announce a set of profit figures which are expected to be good, along with a dividend increase, also anticipated to be attractive — they are and were destined to be strong shots across Berisford's bows.

There are plenty of permutations in the present complex situation. Doubtless, talks are taking place between Berisford and RHM, although it is certain that no question of collusion could have been allowed to surface for that would really have upset the chess board. As for the talks it is difficult to see how BSC can be left out, if only on the grounds of diplomacy.

But at the end of the day, the whole operation will leave fewer food companies should RHM and Berisford reach an agreement by early next July at the earliest when Berisford is allowed to renew its attack on BSC. RHM and its advisers win all sorts of plaudits for a brilliant move, but competition is the loser.

Base rates

A cautious adjustment

The trend in the United States remains the main influence on domestic rates and the recent news from across the Atlantic, coming on top of last week's easing in short-term money rates, was enough to ensure yesterday's ½ point cut to 15 per cent in base rates by the clearing banks.

The sharp rise in unemployment in the United States has strengthened opinion that the recession there is deepening and the recent good money supply figures gave a further boost to the downward trend which saw more cuts in prime rates in the United States yesterday from 17½ to 17 per cent.

Accordingly, when National Westminster led off yesterday morning with its cut in base rate, money market rates fell into line with the Bank of England, for instance, dealing in the market yesterday in the 14½-14¾ per cent range, compared with 15-15½ range on Friday; there is still an air of caution, however, about what happens next.

The trend in the United States will be one crucial determinant, while the domestic influences will include today's provisional money supply figures where opinions over the likely increase are divided and distortions caused by back-tax will continue to cloud their significance.

Yesterday's sell-out of the £1,000m tap stock, where the call is due on Friday, could also make for some tightness in the money markets later in the week.

For the moment then, most are drawing no more than mild encouragement from yesterday's adjustments and, in the short-term anyway, rates look like stabilising around current levels.

Lucas

Clearing the decks

Lucas seems to be a paradigm of all that the stock market expects of British industry. In the year to July, pretax profits of £41m gave way to losses of £21.4m, but sales abroad continued to go ahead despite a setback at home. The group has commendably charged £26.4m of redundancy and closure costs above

the line, and possibly even more commendably, the group (again) spent around £114m on new plant, some of which was charged to the revenue account. So the year's loss was no worse than feared and, even on Lucas' conservative accounting, it went into pretax profits of nearly £4m in the second six months — after redundancy and closure costs of £19.2m, against only £7.2m in the first half year. The other big blow besides reorganization costs to earnings power was an increase in interest payable from £16.3m to £26.4m. Even so, the financial year finished with borrowings comfortably at 42 per cent of shareholders' funds. The maintained dividend signals that the worst is over, and that a past conservatism in distribution policy now reaps its reward.

The shares duly jumped 24p to 197½ yesterday, but the yield is still nearly 8 per cent on a dividend that could rise this year as profits return. These given a fair wind could easily be £45m to £50m. If so, the yield is attractive against others in the field. There are reservations about how quickly the group will escape from world recession, but it talks confidently about new factories both here and in the United States, and spending on research and development, up from £55m to £65m in the past year, should keep it abreast of foreign rivals.



Mr Godfrey Messervy, chairman of Lucas

Third-quarter results from Hoover show why the hard-hit domestic appliances group finally had to go in for extensive surgery last month. Even without the heavy burden of redundancy costs, trading losses have mushroomed from £1.2m and £1.7m in the first two quarters to £4.2m in the July-September period. Including £4m for redundancies, taking the total so far this year to £7.1m, third-quarter pre-tax losses are £6.9m pushing up the deficit at the nine-month stage to £13m — and that after a £1.2m currency windfall — compared with losses of £156,000 at the same time last year.

With probably at least another £5m in redundancies from Merthyr Tydfil and Cambuslang to come in the final quarter, and the Pervale closure hitting the figures in 1982, there is clearly going to be no early respite for the group. Trading continues to provide Hoover with precious little encouragement. The overall washing machine and vacuum cleaner markets are likely to be a tough lower in volume terms this year, while Hoover's loss of market share to cheap imports has meant a 15 per cent cut in its production over the past year.

Faced with that sort of over-capacity it is little wonder that Hoover has been chalking up heavy losses. The key now in the group's strategy is that the cut in the workforce and the concentration of manufacturing facilities into a smaller number of units will bring down costs drastically and allow the group to inch into the black at least on trading next year. There may also be some help on the demand front as well if EEC moves to block-off cheap Eastern European imports are successful.

On the view that this is Hoover's final chance, the stockmarket appears to be giving it the benefit of the doubt and the "A" shares edged up 1p to 90p despite the worse-than-expected results yesterday. Even without a dividend this year and little chance of rebuilding shareholders' funds for a couple of years, the market capitalization of just over £18m is well-cushioned by book assets of more than five times that figure; the sale of the Pervale factory will show just what value those assets are on the open market.

Washington
The United States economy is in a recession. Even President Reagan himself has now admitted it. Friday's announcement of a sharp jump in unemployment to 8 per cent of the workforce was just the latest in a series of official statements that confirm the bad news.

However, Mr Reagan has so far insisted that the recession will be only a mild one. Mr Donald Regan, his Treasury Secretary, predicted recently that its end will be "certain and swift", with a strong recovery under way by next spring.

But many private economists, and some in the Administration, are far less sanguine.

Mr George Perry, an economist at the Brookings Institution, Washington, has forecast that gross national product will continue to fall in real terms throughout the next nine months. This would make the present recession almost as long, although probably not as steep, as the 1974-75 slump, which was far worse than any other postwar American recession.

Just a few weeks ago, one Administration economist said Mr Perry's projection was ridiculous. But officials at the Department of the Office of Management and Budget have now produced a preliminary, internal forecast for the economy that rivals Brookings in gloominess.

It shows the recession, which probably began last winter, worsening significantly in the present three months and continuing well into next year. Real GNP could fall at an annual rate of 4 per cent this quarter, and shrink further in the fourth month of 1982. Moreover, despite the slowdown, interest rates are expected to stay relatively high.

It was high interest rates which precipitated the recession this year. The Federal Reserve, trying to fight inflation with tight money, has



Opposing views on prospects for the American economy: on the left, Donald Regan, Treasury Secretary, who is optimistic and (right) David Stockman of the Office of Management and Budget whose forecast is gloomy.



of next year will be worrying, anxiously about mid-term congressional elections in November 1982.

President Carter's former economic adviser Mr Charles Schultz has predicted that as long as the Federal Reserve keeps its anti-inflationary money policy intact, economic growth will be only sluggish. Any upswing in the economy will lead swiftly to a rise in interest rates and be choked off by a shortage of credit, he argues.

That would mark an important change for the American economy. Although the 1970's were disappointing years here, as elsewhere, America still managed to pull decisively out of the mid-seventies recession, and to create enough jobs to absorb much of the baby boom bulge in the labour force. Unlike Britain, the American private sector typically recovers quickly from recession.

For two reasons money policy is the usual tool for fine tuning the economy. First, the public sector is so much smaller than in Britain that government action on spending and taxes impinges much less on the economy. Secondly, policy-making is so slow, with a lag of about a year between budget proposals and their enactment, that they cannot react to economic events.

But while monetary policy in the past has let the economy pick up swiftly from recession, the signs are that this time it will not. Few people expect a long and deep slump here like the one in Britain. But many believe that even if Mr Reagan's budget policy does swing towards expansion in the middle of next year, it will meet head-on with Mr Volcker's tight money policy.

The resulting surge in interest rates would both slow recovery and skew whatever growth there is away from investment, damaging future American growth prospects.

Retiring early — to start another job

Ann McGoldrick and Cary L. Cooper

Early retirement does not necessarily mean rest and relaxation, putting one's feet up, more time to watch television and read the newspaper. For many people, it is a new beginning.

For example, a survey carried out recently by the Department of Management Sciences at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology is that 40 per cent of those who had retired early had, in fact, worked again in some form of paid employment.

Since a further 17 per cent of the sample were still within a year of taking their early retirement and were generally eligible for unemployment benefit, it is likely that this percentage would in time be even higher.

The research involved a survey by questionnaire of 1,200 early retired men, aged between 50 and 64, at the time of their retirement. The survey was carried out by telephone interviews with 120. Many were volunteers for early retirement, but others had to retire early because of staffing reductions and closures.

The majority had been generously treated financially by their former companies, with immediate full or adjusted pension benefits and/or severance payments and "golden handshakes".

But the questionnaire returns reveal that 38 per cent of the 1,200 early "retirees" had intended to work again when they retired early, and a further 15 per cent had been unsure, but believed that it was possible that they would want to work again.

The main reasons they gave were financial — to "top-up" pensions, to fill in between early retirement and receipt of the state retirement pension or to offset the effects of inflation on pension benefits and savings.

For these reasons some who had not initially intended to work again found them-

One interviewee summed up his views on the matter: "Because of my terribly advanced age (52 years), I cannot get a situation financially equable with my abilities, so I am working for less money than I deserve. I shall carry on working, however, until I reach the inevitable physical failure of my ma-

chinery and I shall contribute a great deal to the world!"

new business of their own, sometimes pooling their financial resources from early retirement. A group of accountants, for example, used their severance payments to buy premises for their own small firm, working together more flexibly with shorter hours and more holidays.

Not all retirees are able to pursue such advantageous projects. Many of those working had settled for the more traditional types of employment for retired people — part-time shop work, cleaning, garden work and so on. They were frequently satisfied with their new jobs and many had expected to move down to a lower level of employment.

The chief problem they reported had been the attitude of employers and employment agencies to their age. Another difficulty encountered was the effect of former qualifications and they frequently complained of the insufficient range of job centres and government agencies to assist them in their search. One retiree remarked: "The Department of Education organization is not designed to help. They recorded my 'previous' in obvious disbelief as a stray dog home might if asked to accept a straffe."

Those who had intended to work again or who were hard-pressed financially to remain in a given area and could not find suitable jobs were obviously dissatisfied with their experience of early retirement and tended to regret their decision to leave if it was a voluntary one.

In spite of such problems, many of those who wanted to work again were generally determined not to let age or prejudices stand in their way.

Business Diary: Howard Johnson's Hostage to Fortune

Imperial group, which took over that American institution Howard Johnson, in June 1980, announced yesterday that the eponymous head of the hotel and restaurant chain is bowing out. Howard Johnson, 49, whose father Howard Johnson senior built up the group from humble beginnings in an ice cream parlour in 1925 is leaving, it is said to take care of his family interests and other interests outside the company.

His successor will be another American, Michael Hostage, 48 who takes over at "Ho Jo" from IIT Continental Baking Company where he was president and chief executive. At Ho Jo, Im-

perial's first year of ownership has been blessed with the best of fortune. The group suffered a net loss of £10m in the six months to last April. But new man Hostage, who's grandfather immigrated from Chester to the United States in the last century, takes over Ho Jo's 500 lodges, motels, and 1,000 restaurants at a time when Imperial is intending to pour millions into the chain to expand its activities.

Johnson, who remains president, chairman and chief executive until January, 1982, will be cashing in his chips for a sum widely believed to be in the region of \$80m.

Here is one of those jokes that draw protests from Irish readers, having been told me by yet other Irish readers: an Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman are stranded on a desert island and find a bottle at the water's edge; they open it and release a genie who in gratitude offers them one wish each. Says the Englishman: "I wish I was having a drink with the crowd at the Dog and Duck" (whoosh, he's gone). The Scotsman says: "I wish I was in Sauchiehall Street on a Saturday" (whoosh). The Irishman pauses and says: "I wish I had my friends back."



Michael Hostage

Pen name

Jackless gentlemen who have ever been jabbed from behind by a rigid ballpoint pen in their back trouser pocket will welcome the new Flexipen.

Hans Bromwich came up with the Flexipen in 1975 as his final year project at the Royal College of Art, where he was taking a master's degree in industrial design. It was aimed, he said, at today's young people who do not like jackets and therefore need a pen to bend with their trouser pockets.



Hans Bromwich

Last month Hans touted his Flexipen around the London stores, and he says, "we're getting an amazing response. Our initial quantity was 10,000 but we've already ordered components to make another 20,000."

Heals, Paper Chase and the General Trading Company are amongst the well-known shops that snapped up the Flexipen. Its recommended retail price is 99p.

He expects imitations to be on the market within six months if it succeeds.

Toulouse to lose

When the chips are down, what chance has a wine capital like Bordeaux of competing with white-hot technology centre like Toulouse for the privilege of becoming the university computer centre for south-west France.

A big aviation and electronic city, Toulouse has 3,000 students of computing compared with only 170 in Bordeaux, and at least 5,000 potential users among universities, research institutes and industrial companies compared with only 1,500 in Bordeaux.

Yet last November Giscard d'Estaing ignored the recommendations of the committee for data processing in universities and the views of the Midi-Pyrenees regional council and decided that Bordeaux should be given the giant DPS 8-80 main frame computer manufactured by the French company CII-Honeywell Bull.

It is not clear whether Giscard merely wanted to strengthen the less industrialized of the two rival cities or whether politics played a role in his choice.

One of the first decisions taken by France's new education minister Alain Savary was to reopen the case. He

justified this by the fact that the former government had not taken into account the recommendations of the committee for data processing in universities. And now it has just been announced that Toulouse rather than Bordeaux will be the regional centre alongside those of Grenoble and Rennes.

The man to receive the bad news was the rector of the Bordeaux academy, Jean-Claude Martin who was only recently president of the scientific university at Toulouse where the computer will now be housed. The man who gave the news, Savary, just happens to have been the President of the Midi-Pyrenees regional council when it opposed the move to Bordeaux in the first place.

Martin, who has now lost the chance of running the centre on two occasions, has received assurance that the data processing facilities in Bordeaux will nevertheless be strengthened.

Reader R. Goddard of Coulsdon, Surrey, reports seeing a sale of books at the St Paul's Library off Fleet Street. One volume entitled "Connoisseurs" and another, a novel, called "Without the Option".

Ross Davies

Williams & Glyn's

Interest Rate Changes

Williams & Glyn's Bank announces that with effect from 9th November 1981 its Base Rate for advances is reduced from 15½% to 15% per annum

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Standard Chartered Bank Limited

FINANCIAL NEWS

Stock markets

Base rate cuts promote rally

The new account opened in a lively mood yesterday, excited by news of another 1 per cent cut in bank base rates to 15 per cent.

This latest flurry of buying added £2,377m to stock market values with much of the attention focused on blue chips and bid situations. The FT Index, despite the weight of ex-dividend situations, reflected the continuing confidence and after opening 4.6 higher closed at the top of the day with a rise of 16.4 to 510.9.

Sentiment had already been enhanced by the decision of the BP tanker drivers not to strike and was further reinforced by the better than expected full-year performance from Lucas Industries. Signs of a second half recovery and the maintained dividend put 24p on the price at 197p.

Glits, too, shared in the rise with the cheaper money prospect of proving tempting to many foreign investors. One consequence of this was that the long tap Exchequer 15 per cent 1977 was quickly exhausted at £23 with around £700m of stock being mopped up. However, with the remaining call of £70, expected on Friday jobbers are preparing for some profit taking.

Elsewhere in long prices closed with gains of about £14 while at the shorter end the rise was limited to £1.

Blue chips displayed many double figure gains. ICI rose 10p to 286p, Bectham 12p to 224p, Unilever 20p to 643p, Fisons 8p to 143p, Blue Circle 10p to 47p, BOC International 15p to 155p, John Brown 4p to

78p, GKN 11p to 161p and Tube 10p to 106p. Meanwhile, in ex div form P & O D'Ed treated 8p to 128p, as Glaxo rose 8p to 430p, Cadbury Schweppes 2p to 87p, Dunlop 1p to 53p and Hawker Siddeley 10p to 326p.

On the bid front Banks' Hovis McDougall's, six-for-tar techniques left most of the market gasping in amazement. After being the subject of a dawn raid by British Sugar last week the group decided to launch its own dawn raid on British Sugar this week. Yesterday it picked up 10.5 per cent of the equity with its brokers Cazenove coming into the market to bid for 6.3m shares at 385p. RHM lost 3p at 651p, but British Sugar leapt 40p to close at 356p. S & W Berisford, with a 40 per cent stake in British Sugar, improved 9p to 114p. In the meantime, Tate & Lyle rose 8p to 178p

with AS Foods, reporting to tomorrow, 12p stronger at 159p. Shares of Serch were suspended at 45p as the Takeover Panel decided whether the BTR bid should lapse after last week's announcement that

that it had completed its purchases. Last week Preussag said it would not now be making a minority bid.

With figures due out today Smiths Industries rose 7p to 335p, Whitbread 6p to 162p, and Kwik-Fit 4p to 66p.

Equity turnover on November 6 was £220.514m (23,460 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were Plessey, British Sugar, Rank Hovis, S & W Berisford, Lucas, Bectham, Unilever, Glaxo Holdings, Midland Bank, Sun Life, GEC, Woolworth, Lloyds Bank, Thomas Tilling, P & O D'Ed and Shell.

Traded Options: Total contracts were 1,305 of which Lloyds accounted for 182.

Traditional options saw calls in Woolworth on 51p, Trident on 7p, and KCA Int on 15p.

Latest results

Company	Sales	Profit	Earnings	Div	Pay	Year's
int or fin	£m	£m	per share	pence	dte	total
C. H. Beazer (P)	22.9(25.5)	3.4(3.36)	—	4.5(4)	4/1	7(6.2)
Cullen's Stores (I)	—	0.067(0.18)	—	0.7(0.7)	11/12	—
Drayton Cons Tst (F)	—	4.8(4.84)	—	5.9(5.6)	11/12	7.9(7.5)
Electrocomponents (I)	35.9(31.13)	7.04(6.84)	3.67(3.39)	0.8(0.8*)	4/1	—
Falmer (I)	1.51(1.41)	0.54(0.48)	—	1.15(1.05)	12/1	—
Boover (9 months)	146(151)	13(10.5)	—	—	—	—
Lucas Inds (F)	1,186(1,195)	217(40.9)	36(29.2)	8.4(8.4)	—	11(11)
L. & N. Indust (I)	19.5(22.78)	1.05(1.82)	3.8(6.5)	2.9(2.9)	22/1	—
McIntyre Props (I)	18.2(20.6)	0.64(0.48)	—	—	13/1	1.73(1.55)
Murray Clyde (F)	—	2.61(2.51)	1.71(1.71)	1.2(1.13)	16/12	—
Onitich Int (I)	—	1.46(1.43)	1.34(1.33)	0.7(0.7)	—	—
RIT Ltd (F)	—	—	—	3.5(3)	—	—
Scott Nat Trust (F)	—	—	—	4.6(4.2)	17/12	6.8(6.3)
Seacombe Marsh (I)	—	3.85(3.66)	7.57(7.56)	6(5)	—	—
Western Bros (I)	5.52(5.71)	0.19(0.034)	—	—	—	—
Young Cos Int (I)	—	0.29(0.31)	—	2.2(2.2)	31/12	—

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.438. Profits are shown pretax and earnings are net. *—adjusted for scrip issue. —loss.

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Electrocomponents slows as margins tighten

By Margaret Fagan

Electrocomponents' rapid growth pattern of recent years is slowing but the group still managed better profits in the six months to September, despite increasing pressure on margins.

Pretax profits were limited to a 2.9 per cent rise at £7.04m, compared with £6.8m last time, which represented a 20 per cent profit increase. Group sales improved by 15.5 per cent to £35.9m in the period, which was stimulated by a two-tier price structure in one of its main trading companies.

Shareholders receive a half-time dividend of 1.2p gross, which is unchanged after adjusting for the scrip issue in September, which brought the group's share-price down from the previous high rating to 160p. Disappointed by the news, the shares slipped 2p to 118p.

Over the last four years, Electrocomponents has recorded average growth of some 35 per cent compound, but this

pattern has been dented by the recession. However, the group, one of the UK's leading electronic component distributors, is partly shielded from the more fierce price-cutting by its range of passive components and own-brand products.

But during the period, a two-tier price structure was introduced by its main distribution company RS Components, which meant a drop in gross margins. It did help, however, to stimulate sales to customers mainly involved in research and development rather than production. Volume growth of some 9 per cent was recorded against the preceding half-year. RS accounts for some three-quarters of sales and profits.

Mr Ronald Marler, the chairman, says net profit margins were again under pressure because of higher costs from local and central government services, but that suppliers' prices were kept below the rate of inflation.

His forecast for the second half is that sales will continue to expand but margins and profit growth will be further depressed. So it is unlikely the group's record profits of £14.5m last year will be matched.

Results also include profits from the sale of freehold property in Reading after the closure last year of Reading Windings, the transformer company. Profits from its subsidiary are also shown.

A profits and sales comparison reveals a 19.6 per cent increase, against 22 per cent last time.

After tax of £3.35m, the extraordinary credit of £281,000 and a minority interest of £14,900, the group's attributable profits are £3.95m. Earnings per share are 3.67p, against 3.59p, adjusted for the scrip issue.

Mr Marler adds that all subsidiaries continue to develop their product ranges, particularly in areas of new technology.

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By Drew Johnston

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LMI's pretax profit for the six months to September 30 was £1,050m, down from £1,120m in the half year. The performance was achieved in the most difficult economic conditions, far worse than had previously been anticipated anywhere, Mr Biddow said.

Turnover in the half was down from £22.8m to £19.6m, but the dividend has been maintained at 4.14p gross. Profit attributable to shareholders was down to £418,000 from £748,000.

Mr Biddow said that LMI's 21 separate units for the most part were profitable, so it was difficult to criticise the overall performance. There had been no colossal losses but continuing economies were continuing throughout the group.

Losses have continued at Ariston Alloys, the group's die casting company, through the lack of any recovery in the market. Doran Engineering has been similarly troubled. Poor retail activity has also severely affected the normal trading pattern of trays and trolleys subsidiary Woodmire.

But on the brighter side, other subsidiaries, such as builders Compton, have seen steady progress.

LMI is also looking for expansion in other specialist engineering activities. "Ideally, we are on the lookout for a United Kingdom-based engineering company with a strong presence in the United States," Mr Biddow said yesterday. The group has also moved into the energy sector with an investment in Thames Oil and Gas, a company formed to participate in oil and gas exploration and production in North America.

WHOLESALE PRICES

Indices (1975=100) of wholesale prices of manufactured goods, and trade materials and fuels purchased by manufacturing industry, published by the Department of Industry.

	Output prices (home sales)	Prices of materials and fuels	% change in previous 5 months at annual rate	(1)	(2)
1981					
Jan	208.9	23.7	7.2	8.1	
Feb	210.9	24.5	8.5	12.5	
Mar	215.1	27.3	8.5	15.0	
Apr	218.0	22.3	12.5	30.4	
May	219.2	22.2	12.8	32.6	
June	221.1	22.9	14.3	24.7	
July	222.3	23.0	12.7	25.9	
Aug	224.1	23.8	11.7	26.5	
Sept	225.9	23.7	9.7	19.2	
Oct	227.9	23.9	8.5	14.5	



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Lloyds Bank Limited has reduced its Base Rate from 15.5% to 15% p.a. with effect from Monday, 9th November 1981.

The rate of interest on 7-day notice Deposit Accounts and Savings Bank Accounts is reduced from 13.5% to 13% p.a. The change in Base Rate and Deposit Account interest will also be applied from the same date by the United Kingdom branches of

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BBC 1
9.05 For Schools. College News in German. 9.35 The people and provinces of Spain. 9.35 Spanish Language. 10.10 Serial: Dark Towers. 10.35 The Military Machine. 11.00 The Body. Feet. 11.35 Cloth weaving. 12.05 Motorcycles. 12.30 News Afternoon with Richard Whitmore and Maura Stuart. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One including an interview with somebody who was once in the headlines. 1.45 Over the Moon. A Sea-Save programme for the very young. 2.00 You and Me introduced by Stephen Tate (2). 2.14 For Schools. College: Spanish language. 2.30 English literature. 3.00 Closedown. 3.25 D. D. A quiz in Welsh about a journey through Wales. 3.53 Regional news.

BBC 2
11.00 Play School. For the under fives presented by Sheelagh Gilbey and Don Spencer. 11.25 Closedown.

Geoffrey Palmer and Nina Thomas (BBC 2 9.00 pm)

ITV/LONDON
9.35 For Schools: Marriage. 9.53 Things and places that have inspired writer Alan Garner. 10.15 Watch Your Language. 10.35 Play: The Protectors. 11.00 Maths for seven to nine-year-olds. 11.22 Playground games. 11.30 A trip to Angers in the Loire Valley. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Pippins. 12.30 The Sullivan. 1.00 News. 1.20 Themes News. 1.30 The Circus Complex. Episode five and Cat Devlin is framed for the murder of Tom Foreman (2). 2.00 After Noon Plus. Mavis Nicholson talks to actor Edward Fox. 2.45 Play: Family by Alan Hackney. A ruthless young millionaire tries to work a double coup. Starring Malcolm Stoddard (1). 3.45 Emmerdale Farm (7).

3.55 Play School. For the under fives.
4.20 Cartoon: Animated Laurel and Hardy in Spook Land.
4.25 Jackanory. Tom Conti reads another story from The Practical Princess and Other Liberating Fairy Tales.
4.40 Play Away. Fun and games with music presented by Brian Cant.
5.00 Newsround presented by Paul McDowell.
5.10 Screen Test. Children from Farrington School, Sunderland compete with Newsround School, FCI, Middlesbrough, in a test of cinematic recall.
5.35 The Amazing Adventures of Morph (7).
5.40 News read by Richard Baker. 6.00 Regional news magazines. 6.25 News.
6.50 Barbara's World of Horrors. Mrs Woodhouse gives advice on buying a pony.
7.15 Angels. Drama serial about the staff of a Midlands hospital.
7.40 The Rockford Files. Jim and Claire plan to have a romantic day at the zoo but then Claire's past begins to catch up on her.
8.30 Yes Minister. Jim Hacker is caught between big business and ecologists when a company plans to manufacture a toxic chemical.

3.55 Antiques Roadshow. Arthur Hughes and Angela Ripston visit Landrindon Wells.
4.25 Christopher Hogwood plays Bach's Prelude and Fugue in C minor.
4.40 Everybody's Doin' It. The British at Play as seen through the eyes of the 1920s and 30s (1).
5.00 In Search of... Arthur. The second of a series of films about pre-Norman England (1).
5.40 The Five Faces of Dr. Who? (1).
6.00 Grange Hill (7).
6.25 The Walltons. The Walton boys are endangered by a local feud.
7.10 News.
7.15 In Prison? Made in 1957, the film is about what life is like for a prisoner in Strangeways Jail (2).
8.00 Top Gear. The latest news from the world of motoring.
8.30 Russell Harty with Arthur Askey and an all-star 1940s musical line-up.

4.15 Cartoon: Hound in Trouble.
4.20 Get It Together. Live pop music presented by Mags Nicoll and Roy March.
4.45 Vics Versa. Adventures of a father and son who have, by magic, reversed roles.
5.15 The Gaffer. Comedy series set in a small Midlands engineering firm (2).
5.45 News.
6.00 Themes News.
6.20 Halp! Viv Taylor goes with news of the Save the Children Fund.
6.30 Crossroads. David Hunter is interviewed by the Police.
6.55 Reporting London presented by Denis Tuohy Magazine programme dealing with news that is pertinent to London.
7.30 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity mime game chaired by Michael Aspel.
8.00 Rising Damp. GH-com about the residents of a bed-sit house. Starring Leonard Rossiter and Frances de la Tour (2).
8.30 It Takes a Woman Man. A comedy series about a man unable to face the thought of conceiving middle age. Peter Tibbys stars as Roath.

9.00 News with John Humphreys.
9.25 Play for Today: Billy by J.F. Newman. Billy is a retiring four-year-old who hardly has a vocabulary. Does anybody care when his father beats him? Starring Jason Pendergast as Billy (7).
10.45 Norman St John-Stevas in Conversation with Sir Charles Forté.
11.18 News headlines.
11.20 Kojak. A petty crook is wrongly charged with attempted murder but when he is released the next attempt is successful and the case against him seems watertight.
12.10 Weather.

9.00 The Last Song starring Geoffrey Palmer and Nina Thomas. Gentle comedy series about a middle-aged man and his young girl friend. Tonight Liz plans a party but Leo thinks all the guests will be too young for him.
9.30 Your Life in Their Hands. How doctors can cause lack of balance.
10.10 Arena: Let Them Know We're Here. The programme follows the making of a play from conception to the first night. The play concerns the problems faced by the Asian community in Britain.
10.55 Newsnight. The latest news and domestic news plus an extended look at one of the major items. With Peter Snow, John Tusa, Peter Hobday and Donald MacCormick. Ends at 11.45.

9.00 Brideshead Revisited. Episode five. Charles arrives at Brideshead for the New Year to learn that Sebastian has returned after going missing since Charles and Lady Marchmont forbade her son to drink alcohol but he borrows money from Charles and, instead of riding with the Hunt, spends the day in a pub.
10.00 News.
10.30 I Really Want to Dance. A documentary about four young people from different backgrounds who attend the Royal Ballet Lower School in Richmond.
11.30 Talking Bikes. Dave Minton, on an extended motor cycle tour of Scotland, explains his riding philosophy and habits.
12.00 Going Out. Drama series about a group of unemployed youngsters.
12.25 Close with Anne Scott-James reading a favourite piece of literature.

Radio 4
6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Today.
6.30 Today.
6.35 Yesterday in Parliament.
6.50 News.
7.00 Tuesday Call. 01-580 4411 - Music and the Brain.
10.00 News.
10.02 From Our Own Correspondent.
10.30 Daily Service.
10.45 Morning Story. "Cattle" by Al Tanner.
11.00 News.
11.05 Play. "Not Cricket" by Peter Whalley.
11.35 News presented by Derek Jones.
12.00 News.
12.02 You and Yours.
12.27 The Peter Wainwright "Have His Carcase".
12.35 The World of One.
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News.
2.02 Women's Hour.
3.00 News.
3.02 Father's Castle, by A. J. Cronin.
4.00 A Hatter in the Field.
4.15 He Shouldn't Have Been There. Should he? The letters of a boy soldier 1915-16.
4.45 Story Time: "Walden" by Robert Bly.
5.35 Weather.
6.00 News and Financial Report.
6.30 Top of the Form.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.30 News.
7.50 Time is so Short. The life and writings of poet, Alan Lewis.
8.35 Anthony Burgess (new series).
9.05 In Touch. A Model Kitchen for the Blind. A description of the kitchen designed for the In Touch Exhibition, in London last week.
9.30 Kaleidoscope.
9.50 Weather.
10.00 The World Tonight.
10.30 Winkles. A mad-cap sitcom-com by Anne Smith (2).
11.00 A Book at Bedtime: "The Magic Glass" by Anne Smith (2).
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News and Weather.

Radio 3
6.55 Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert. Serenade, Chopin (Sonata), Beethoven, Johann Strauss records (1).
8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert (continued). Handel, Vivaldi, Monteverdi, Bach; records (1).
9.00 News.
9.05 The Week's Composer: Strauss records (1).
10.00 Piano Duo Recital: Stravinsky, Mendelssohn, Percy Grainger. Royal Northern College of Music. Concert. Haydn, Arnold, David Ellis (1).
11.45 Brevet, Fauré and Poulenc. Cello and Piano recital. Vienna Studio 1981. Concert. Part 1: Mendelssohn, Mahler (1).
1.00 News.
1.05 St. Cecilia.
1.25 Concerts Part 2: Schubert (1).
2.30 Schubert Piano recital.
2.40 News.
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Radio 2
6.00 Ray Moore. 7.30 Terry Wogan. 10.00 Susan Simons. 12.00 John Dunn. 2.00 Ed Stewart. 3.00 David Hamilton. 5.45 News. 6.00 David Symonds. 6.00 The Crazy Gang Story. 7.00 Listen to the Band. 9.30 The Organist Entertains. 10.00 Tony Monopoly. 11.00 Brian Matthew. 11.50 News. 1.00 News. 2.00-5.00 You and the Night and the Music (1).

Radio 1
5.00 As Radio 2. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Dave Lee Travis. 12.00 Paul Burnett. 3.30 Steve Wright. 6.00 Peter Powell. 7.00 Talkabout. 8.00 David Jensen. 10.00 John Peel. 12.00 Close. VHF Radio 1 and 2: 5.00 With Radio 2. 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 With Radio 2.



Enlyn Williams: he introduces the new short (Radio 4 7.50 pm)
Anthea Askey: she stars in the sitcom Winkles (Radio 4 10.30 pm)

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GRANADA

Thames except: 1.20pm-1.30pm Radio Reports, 5.15-5.45 Different Roads, 6.00 Granada Reports, 6.25 to 6.45 Your Right, 6.30 Crossroads, 7.00-7.20 The Gaffer, 11.30 Low Grind, 12.30 am Closedown.

ATV

Thames except: 12.30pm-1.00pm Gardening Today, 1.20-1.30 News, 5.15-5.45 Mark and Minky, 6.00 News, 6.05 Crossroads, 6.30-6.45 Gaffer, 7.00-7.20 The Gaffer, 11.30 News, 11.35 Barney (One Week), 11.40 (at Lindesay), 12.00am Closedown

BORDER

Thames except: 1.20pm-1.30 News, 5.45 Mark and Minky, 6.00pm Crossroads, 6.35 Crossroads Report, 7.30 The Gaffer, 11.30 News, 11.35 Crossroads

GRAMPIAN

Thames except: Starts 9.00pm-9.35 (at King), 12.30-1.00 Gardening Today, 1.20-1.30 News, 6.00 North Night, 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00-7.20 The Gaffer, 11.30 News, 11.35 Monte Carlo, 12.30-12.55 News, 12.35 Crossroads

SOUTHERN

As Thames except: 1.20pm-1.30 News, 5.15 Dick Tracy, 5.20-5.45 Crossroads, 6.00 Day by Day, 6.30 Survival, 7.00-7.20 The Gaffer, 11.30 News Kind of Family, 12.00 Weather, followed by Eddie from El Salvador

HTV

As Thames except: 12.30-1.00pm Gardening Today, 1.20-1.30 News, 5.10 Ask Oscar, 5.20-5.45 Crossroads, 6.00 Report West, 6.30 Different Strakes, 7.00-7.20 The Gaffer, 10.28-10.30 News, 11.30 Preview, 12.00am Closedown

HTV CYMRU/WALES

As HTV West except: 9.35pm-9.50pm Cyntu 10.10-10.30pm Dyd 11.40 Beddau, 12.10pm Cwci Cwci, 11.40 Ffrindiau, 4.15-4.45 Camgfan, 5.15-5.30 Camgfan, 6.00 Y Dyd, 6.15-6.30 Report Wales, 10.30 Gwyl Gerdd, Dant Cyrru, 11.15 World in Action, 11.45 Benson, 12.15am Closedown

CHANNEL

As Thames except: 12.00 Closedown, 12.30-1.00 Gardening Today, 1.20-1.30 News, 6.00 Channel News, 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00-7.20 Survival, 10.28 News, 10.34 Really Want to Dance, 11.30, a New Kind of Family, 12.00 Closedown

ANGLIA

As Thames except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Today, 1.20-1.30 News, 6.00 About Anglia, 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00-7.20 Bygone, 11.20 Where Are the Lords of the House Tonight?, Story of a British soldier killed at Presschendale in 1917, 12.15 am Church and the Dragon.

ULSTER

As Thames except: 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime, 4.15-4.15 News, 5.15 Cartoon, 5.20-5.45 Crossroads, 6.00 Good Evening Ulster, 7.00 The Gaffer, 7.30-8.00 Country Style, Philomena Begley and the Rambles, Men with guns, artist Frankie McBride and Ann and Dave, 11.30 Bedtime, Closedown.

TYNE TEES

As Thames except: Starts 9.25 am Good Word, 9.30-9.35 News, 1.20pm-1.30 News, Lookaround, 5.15-5.45 Survival, 6.00 News, 6.02 Crossroads, 6.25 Northern Life, 7.00-7.30 The Gaffer, 11.30 Going out — Following a group of school leavers, 12.00 Remembrance, 12.05 am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

As Thames except: 12.30pm-1.00 Paint Along with Nancy, 1.20-1.30 News, 3.45-4.15 Calendar at your Service, 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm, 6.00 Calendar, 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00-7.20 The Gaffer, 11.00 Reports, 12.00 Closedown.

SCOTTISH

As Thames except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Today, 1.20-1.30 News, 5.15 Pet Subject, 5.20-5.45 Crossroads, 6.00 Scotland's Today, 6.30 Job Post, 6.30 What's Your Problem?, 7.00 Take the High Road, 7.30-8.00 Realis Garden Prices in Concert, Barbara Dickson, 11.30 Late Club, 11.35 Going Out, 12.05 am International Bowls, 12.35 Closedown.

WESTWARD

As Thames except: 12.27 pm Gus Honeybun's Birthdays, 12.30-1.00 Gardening Today, 1.20-1.30 News, 6.00 Westward Diary, 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00-7.20 Mark R, 10.32 News, 10.34 Really Want to Dance, 11.30 New Kind of Family, 12.00 Faith for Life, 12.05 am Closedown.

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